



Freeway Defeated in CTC Vote



GETTING READY FOR A SAILBOAT race on Labor Day, boats lined up at Stillwater Cove in Pebble Beach.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Council to Vote on Moving Election to November, 1994

By Isabelle Hall

Mayor Ken White says he would prefer not to have to vote next Tuesday when the Carmel City Council considers an ordinance changing the date of the council election from April to November. The council approved the change 5-0 when it passed the budget and now must approve an ordinance to make it legal.

White's two-year term expires in April as do the four-year terms of Council members Barbara Brooks and Bob Fischer. Changing the date of the election would keep the trio in office six months longer, a prospect that bothers only Fischer.

"I'm not in favor of a November election," Fischer said, adding that he would not vote for any extension of terms

of the existing council. "I would take a position that it should not affect us. It is incorrect for us to extend our own time."

Fischer said he might vote for changing the April election to June "if it could be combined with county, state and local elections. That would have a good turnout but when we go to a general election, I fear we may become lost in the shuffle."

All three are expected to seek re-election although no formal declarations have been made. Asked if he would run, Fischer said, "I can't tell you that." Brooks said she was "in the probably stage."

"I wish I could step down from the vote," White said. "I feel very uncomfortable. Three council people are involved. We will

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The California Transportation Commission (CTC) voted 5-3 Wednesday against the Hatton Canyon Freeway, telling opposing parties in the long-running fight to return in 60 days with an alternate proposal for a safe road along Highway 1.

Not surprisingly, opponents in the fight had differing versions of what the vote meant. But both sides agreed that the CTC would be willing to let freeway funds be used for a widening project if an acceptable design can be finalized and any remaining money could stay in the county.

Forty-two million dollars have been earmarked for the freeway, and the proposed widening is projected to cost between \$18million and \$24 million.

Chair Barbara Shipnuck of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and an opponent of the freeway, told The Sun, "I'm delighted. I think the commissioners showed themselves to be statesmen in terms of how they dealt with the issue."

But Gregg Albright, Caltrans' coordinator for the freeway, said, "The vote was to see if we could resolve safety issues. There was no vote to shut down 1C Modified (the designation for the freeway). Caltrans made a presentation and Barbara Shipnuck made a presentation with differing opinions so I don't blame the commission for not having a clear understanding."

"I don't know how this will come out," Albright said. "Our study shows that 4/6 (the widening alternative approved by TAMC) isn't cost effective. Caltrans at this time is firmly committed and believes that Alternative 1C Modified is the most cost effective and valid alternative. We're cooperative and will work diligently but where we stand today is that Alternative 1C modified is the most cost effective."

"I think the commission's frustrated and they would like to see a consensus developed so Caltrans wants to sit down and work with TAMC to agree upon what would have to be done to resolve the safety concerns we have surrounding 4/6 because it's not a viable alternative in its present form."

An initial motion to continue to support the freeway failed on a 5-3 vote. Then, Commissioner Robert Shelton suggest the 60-day delay, arguing that not enough information was available to make a decision on alternative 4/6.

TAMC Vice Chair Barbara Brooks, a member of the Carmel City Council which opposed the freeway and supported the widening project, said, "I think it would be

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Trial Waived In CHS Fire

By Carolyn Rice

With one of them pleading guilty to a reduced arson charge, three 17-year-old boys admitted in Juvenile Court Wednesday they were responsible for what school officials say may add up to \$1 million in damage at Carmel High School from the fire on June 13.

Appearing in suits and with their attorneys before Judge John Anton, the three waived their right to a trial and heard Anton tell them to reappear at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 20 for sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Gary Meyer, who prosecuted the case, said they could face up to five years and eight months in either the California Youth Authority or Juvenile Hall.

Outside the courtroom, Meyer told The Sun: "I think it's a good disposition. I'm glad the kids came in and 'fessed up.'"

He said only two of the boys signed statements and originally all of them were not willing to admit to their involvement.

Because they are juveniles, their names may not be released or printed in the newspapers under state law, but their identity is common knowledge in the Carmel area, especially among students.

One of the youths—all three would have been seniors this fall at Carmel High—admitted to starting the fire, but the charge was reduced from malicious arson to recklessly causing the blaze.

While the two others did not admit to causing the blaze, Meyer said outside the court they all were responsible under the law since they admitted to burglary at the 50-year-old school.

Another youth admitted he was

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Controversial School Vouchers Will be on Nov. 2 Ballot

By Carolyn Rice

Two months in advance of the Nov. 2 election, both sides are already gearing up their campaigns for an education initiative that would provide vouchers worth \$2,600 to parents of students who attend private schools.

Known as proposition 174, the issue is shaping up as probably the most controversial one California voters will have decide this fall.

Proponents argue it would offer more choice, help create competition and thus help improve public education. Critics say if the initiative passes, it could put public schools over the financial brink, since many are already struggling to find the money they need to operate.

Opponents also contend the plan would mainly benefit the 531,000 K-through-12th grade students who already attend private and parochial schools, while leaving the public schools as a dumping ground for less talented and more troubled students.

But proponents said additional schools that could be created as a result of the approval of the vouchers would avoid the state regulation and bureaucracy that they claim throttle the public schools. Such schools would be more cost-effective, they argue, and provide competition in education.

Education issues always stir deep emotions, especially now when the state, which spends \$24 billion a year on education, including

higher education, is facing severe budget problems. Reflecting what will clearly be an all out campaign by both opponents and proponents in advance of the November vote, radio commercials and mass mailings are already beginning to appear.

Carmel Superintendent Vance Baldwin said he is worried that the proposal has a chance to pass. "Who can be against 'parental choice?'" he asked in an interview with The Sun.

But he is frightened by the initiative. "Public money could be spent without regulation," he said. "We complain about over-regulation, but at the same time, there is a need for the public to know how their money is being spent."

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LETTERS

Politically Correct Music?

Let's discuss the source of our social ills—mankind's disgusting habit of elevating himself (or herself) by defaming another. This can be readily seen by the incessant sniveling over the new owners of KBOQ changing the format of their radio station. If you don't like rock-n-roll, don't insult those of us who do because you have the sanctimonious idea you are somehow better because you like classical music.

Let us not forget that Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin liked classical music and considered themselves "politically correct" as well. We've got more important matters to tend to in this world of hurt—one lousy radio stations is the least of our worries. So, get a grip.

Jeffrey A. Kellogg
Carmel

Thanks to All Volunteers

Many thanks to Randy Randazzo for pointing out the error in the photo recently published in the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) advertisement. The Village has many individuals to thank for our numerous paths and each deserves our acclamation. I would like to personally thank the volunteers in the Recreation and Park District, Batt Cassano for organizing the "Walk in the park" and members of CVVIC.

We are fortunate to live in this paradise where so many people take pride in these surroundings and become involved in their preservation and beautification. It has been my profound pleasure to meet and work with so many. My personal thanks also to those who have recently offered to join CVVIC and help with its ongoing projects. Our doors are always open to new volunteers.

Leslie Voss, chair
Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee

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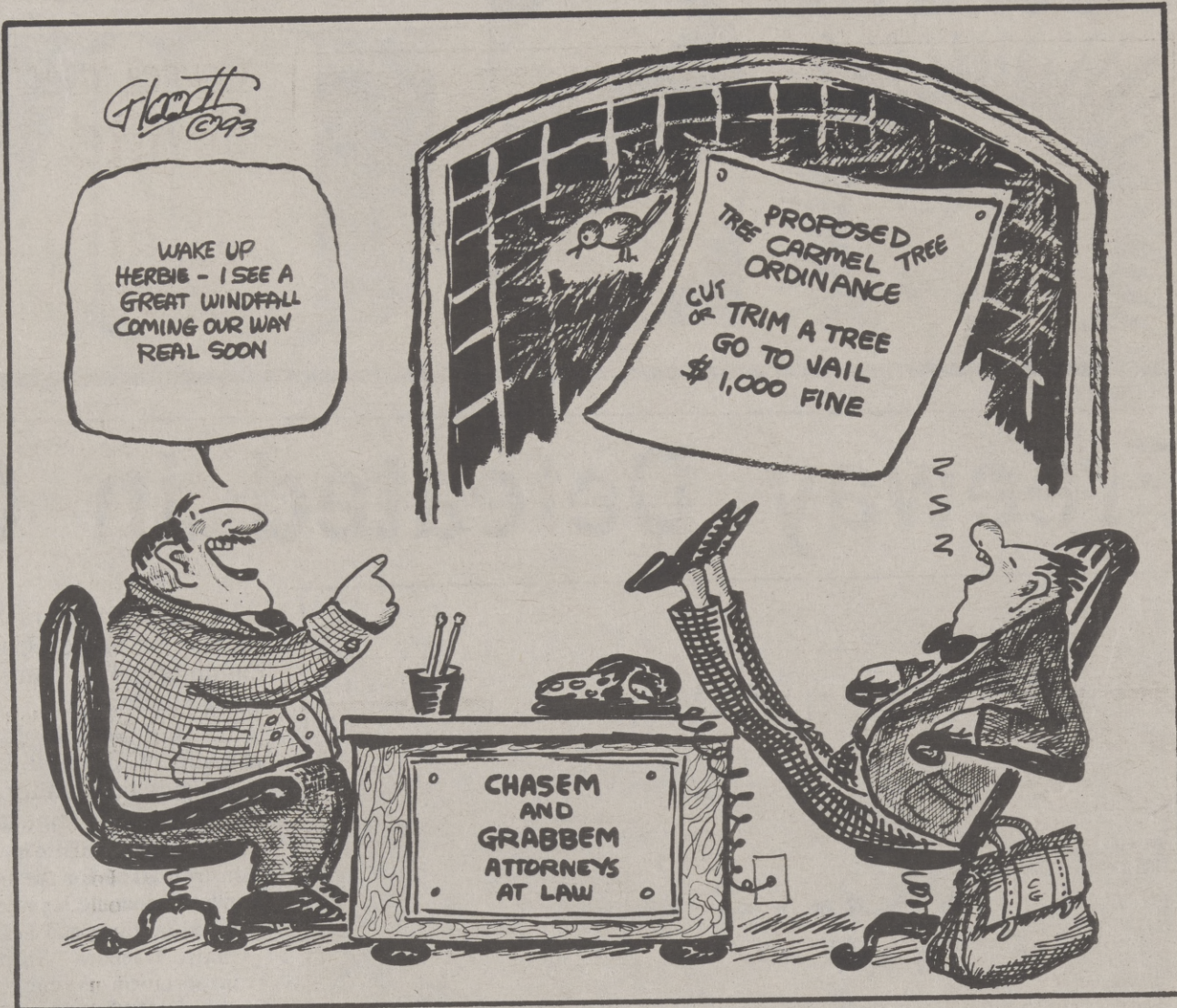
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Homeowners Voice Opposition To Eastwood-Williams Center

By Isabelle Hall

A small, vocal group of Carmel Valley Country Club homeowners made it loud and clear Tuesday night that they don't want any part of a service center proposed as part of the Eastwood-Williams Canada Woods project on Carmel Valley Road just east of Quail Lodge.

Instead, some members of the group of about 30 homeowners in the upscale golf course subdivision, suggested condominiums or individual houses would be a better choice for the 40-acre parcel of agriculture land where the service center is proposed next to Valley Hills Shopping Center.

Alan Williams, owner of Carmel Development Co. who represents Clint Eastwood and Leonard Williams, had asked to speak to the association after winning approval from the Board of Supervisors June 15 to start the lengthy application process for the project.

After a 90-minute presentation peppered with questions and complaints about traffic, trucks, water concerns and just the idea of having such a center near their residential area, Williams said, "We're here to listen. We're not trying to sell you our position. I hear what you're telling me."

But Larry Lombard, president of the 169-member group, said, "I'd be concerned if Alan Williams went back and said the homeowners were recommending condominiums. We only have a fraction of our membership here tonight. We need to have a meeting. We need input from a larger section of the homeowners." Lombard said the association represented about 85 percent of homeowners in the subdivision.

Williams was asked repeatedly why he needed to build the service center on the Leonard Williams land south of Carmel Valley Road as part of the 44-lot residential subdivision on the north side of the road which is owned by Eastwood.

"First of all, it's the inclusionary housing, low and moderate income housing," he said. "Put it over there," someone hollered back, referring to the exclusive conclave proposed for the north side. "They don't want it in a gated community," one man said.

"I understand where you're all coming from, you have yours," Williams said. "The commercial zoning of the Williams land has been there long before you came here. That's the bottom line. We're not going to come to closure on this. The Williams maintain they have the right to use this. My client who has owned it for 80 years would like to have some of the commercial value."

"I like the idea of letting Clint buy it and donate it," one man said. "I understand he's got lots of money." A woman commented, "He just had a baby. That's going to be expensive."

"You're all living on land that Emily and Leonard Williams owned (before they sold it to Ed Haber for his development)," Williams told the group. "But we own it now," a woman replied. "Don't forget the Indians," a man

chimed in.

"Why can't Eastwood just do this?" said Robert Paige. "Why tie it to a commercial center? Everyone in this room is anti and can make a lot of noise against it."

Jamie Cooper said, "Explain the need for a commercial center to be tied in to that subdivision for houses."

"Half of that building is currently spoken for by people living in Carmel Valley who have no legal place to work out of," Williams said, referring to Valley contractors. The service center would include a service building with a basement for trucks to park, he explained.

"There's going to be a lot of trucks driving in here," said one woman. "They belong in Sand City. They don't belong in Carmel Valley."

Ralph Wyllie said, "These kinds of projects draw lots of cars and lots of trucks. Couldn't these electricians, plumbers go up to Mid Valley?"

"You're telling me you don't want it next door to you," Williams said.

When Wyllie complained that such a development would create more traffic yet people did not want Hatton Canyon Freeway built, Williams said, "We don't need to pave that canyon. The development everybody's afraid of just isn't going to happen."

About the only issue the group agreed upon was to join forces to fight the proposal by Rod Mills, chairman of the Carmel Valley Trails committee, to have a trail for horses, bikes and hikers to join Jack's Peak with the Valley and Carmel River through the Eastwood-Williams property.

"They want to make that a condition of my development," Williams said. "They look at my application as a highway to bust that road open to Monterey."

"We'll stand shoulder to shoulder with you against those trails, but we'll go head to head with you against (the service center)," said Paige who questioned the need for another shopping center in the Valley.

"We didn't invent this," Williams said later. "It was born out of the Carmel Valley Master Plan because of an overall need in the Valley for a service center." He said he and his vice president, Michael Waxer, "Learned a lot. My only disappointment was that those vocal few were there to voice their objections and had already made up their minds. Several people told me after the meeting they were interested in what we are trying to do."

He recalled it took him more than two years of working with the neighbors before he was able to get approval for renovation of Eastwood's Mission Ranch resort on the south side of Carmel.

Dr. Robert Woodhour said he was concerned about the safety of a proposed waste water treatment plant that Williams planned to recycle water to a tertiary level so it can be used for the agricultural fields next to the service center and for all outdoor use in the residential subdivision.



AN EVENING WITH THE ROMANOFFS is the theme of the Monterey County Guild's fundraiser for the Monterey County Symphony at 5 p.m. Sunday at Quail Lodge. It will feature a sale of selected items from the collections of local designers and artists. Above, muralist Lynne Harter finishes her trompe l'oeil panel, while Guy Rodriguez holds one of his bronzes and Guild President Margaret Robinson looks on.

With New FM License

New Station Plans All-Classical Musical Format Around-the-Clock

Owners of a newly issued FM radio license for Carmel said they expected the new station's all-classical format will be up and running by November—possibly even with KBOQ's call letters and music library.

Stoddard Johnston of Pebble Beach said he was astounded at the number of telephone calls he received after the word of the license award and the plans for it got out. "I heard from people I didn't know or dream were out there. Sherrie's got a large number, too."

Johnston and Sherrie McCullough of Carmel, president of the Monterey County Symphony board, received the license for the 95.5 frequency as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ended its final regulatory hearings after more than five years.

They will operate the new station as partners in J&M Broadcasting, saying they decided on an around-the-clock classical format after KBOQ dropped its classical fare and took up a hard rock format under new owners.

"The timing is right," Johnston said.

KBOQ, known to its fans as K-BACH, had provided all classical music to the Monterey Bay area, including Santa Cruz, since 1982 before its sale last month to Henry Broadcasting of San Francisco. Its switch to hard rock angered many of its longtime listeners, some of whom threatened not to patronize any advertisers on the station.

Johnston told *The Sun* that J&M hoped to pick up KBOQ's call letters, saying they were no good to the station under its new format, and possibly some or all of its classical music library.

"KBOQ (the call letters) is due to be turned back in" to the FCC, Johnston said, and J&M will try to win the right to use them.

As for the music library, he noted that Terry Gillingham, former general manager of KBOQ, was interested in being a part of the new station and had a good relationship the station's present and previous owners.

"Maybe he can help retrieve some of their library, too," Johnston said.

After two meetings with Johnston over the weekend, Gillingham said he expected to be a part of the station, noting it planned to broadcast 24 hours a day rather than 18 as KBOQ did.

He also was positive about being able to retrieve KBOQ's music library. "We'll be able to retrieve half for sure," he said, "and I expected we can get it all."

The final action in the case was the FCC's denial of protests from other applicants after its decision to give the license to J&M.

Johnston said unsuccessful applicants included Gil Wisdom, owner of KRML who filed as Highlands Broadcasting, and Eddie Johnson of the Toots Lagoon Restaurant in Carmel, who filed as Lone Cypress Radio Associates.

Johnston estimated each applicant for the license spent about \$100,000 in lawyers' fees during the five year process. He added that it would take about \$150,000 to equip the new station if J&M decided to buy equipment rather than lease it.

"We have had some offers of financing," Johnston said.

He said any further challenges to the award of the license would have to come in the courts, but suggested the station could be operating as soon as November.

"We've got everything to do," he said, adding that it would take J&M 30 days to get its construction permit. The new station will broadcast from an existing radio tower at Hidden Hills, and Johnston said the new station's signal would be about as strong as KBOQ's.

Johnston is a former owner of TV stations KTVU in Oakland and KMST in Monterey and a number of local radio stations. His partner is a former bank executive. Both had long been active in area charitable groups.

Gillingham told *The Sun* that in creating the new station from the ground up he hoped to use the latest broadcast technology. He cited as an example computerized programming which would allow it to operate with fewer people.

Council to Act Tuesday

White Wants Only Zoning Changes Council Sought

Pounding his desk with his fist, Mayor Ken White said the only changes to be made in Carmel's long-running and controversial zoning ordinance will be those the council requested.

"Can you get that in," White said in an interview, seeking to demonstrate his fist-banging to emphasize his determination to stick to what he promised during the bitter election campaign over the ordinance. Known as "Measure H," it was upheld by just 11 votes June 8.

The council asked the Planning Commission to make four specific changes to the ordinance approved by the voters. With one commissioner saying it was a political issue and it didn't matter what the commission did, members voted instead for a variety of changes.

White said he would approve only the four items requested by the council:

1. Ancillary uses should be related to primary uses. For example, a shoe store's primary use would be the sale of shoes and the sale of shoe polish might be an ancillary use.
2. Allowed uses in the Residential Commercial (RC) District should be limited to the uses allowed prior to approval of the new ordinance.
3. The special design restrictions which covered Ocean Avenue should be applied to the entire Central Commercial (CC) District.
4. Unclear text should be redrafted and technical corrections made to facilitate administration.

"Anything additional can be brought up by a council person and be put on the agenda for another time," White said. I've got a 5-0 vote from the council. I don't have the right to talk about anything else. The four things were based on pretty much mutual agreement and some minor adjustments. That's a commitment I made. It's the position I took before the election on the areas that need to be fine tuned.

"I'm where I want to be," White added. "The people voted on the ordinance. They trust us to do a minimum amount of fine tuning."

Councilman Phil Coniglio agreed: "It's a whole different Planning Commission now. I want to stick with what the council did."

The commission recommended all four changes but added extensive changes to the process for approving art galleries, a major business in the resort city that was founded as an art colony around the turn of the century.

It also recommended banning future T-shirt sales in the Service Commercial (SC) district which one proponent of Measure H

protested as "a very substantial change to the ordinance and contrary to the direction of the City Council and the intent of Measure H."

Alan Williams, who represents the Eastwood Building, said the change went well beyond the technical corrections ordered by the council by "in essence, eliminating a primary permitted use in the SC district that was approved in Measure H."

"This is a political issue that's going to go to the council anyway, and they're going to change it," commented Commissioner Carl Livingston at the Aug. 11 meeting.

In the area of art galleries, Livingston pushed for requiring that all art gallery applications must be approved by the commission. His motion passed 4-3. Under Measure H, approval of art galleries in the CC and SC districts are staff decisions.

The commission went along with the council's request to restore the ban on uses in the RC district to pre-Measure H status although Acting Planning Director Brian Roseth said he did not think that was what the council intended as it affected restaurants. Measure H had made restaurants in the RC district conforming uses and limited the number to the present eight.

"I don't necessarily agree that restaurants are resident serving," White said of arguments not to change the restaurants back to their previous non-conforming status.

Carmel Police Remind Rollerbladers of Law, Safety Considerations

Citing possible threats to safety, the Carmel Police issued a statement reminding that skateboarding and rollerblading are prohibited on streets or sidewalks within the city's commercial district and in some areas near Scenic Road.

Officers said they issued the reminder after receiving reports of youths on rollerblades darting in and out of traffic, creating a possible hazard to themselves and others.

The statement said the use of skateboards, rollerblades or similar coasting devices was prohibited on Scenic between 8th Avenue and Santa Lucia and on 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th leading to Scenic. Use of the devices is allowed in other areas of the city, but officers urged caution, noting that users are considered pedestrians and are subject to rules of the road.

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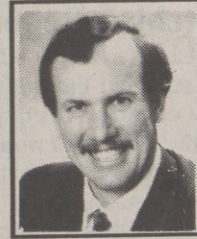


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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL. The owner of a Carmel painting firm reported his bookkeeper wouldn't give him his financial records for the past six months. A deputy said the bookkeeper said she hadn't been paid for her work. 8/30.

VALLEY. A contractor working on a home on Redwood Circle reported one of the neighbors threw a rock through an open kitchen window and broke a set of fluorescent light tubes. He said they cost \$12. 8/31.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Paso Hondo reported a friend came to her home, got into an argument with her and put his fish through a window. She told a deputy she wanted no prosecution. 8/31.

CARMEL. Saying she suspects an 80-year-old neighbor, a woman who lives on Aspen Place said someone vandalized her daughter's vehicle while it was parked in front of the residence. 8/31.

Bewildered Woman Found

RIO ROAD. A Seaside woman was found in the wash room at the Rio Road Chevron station bewildered and in need of help, a deputy said. 8/31.

RIO ROAD. An employee of the Charles Schwab brokerage in the Crossroads said a former client threatened her, and she was afraid he might harm someone. 8/31.

VALLEY. A Seaside woman who is housekeeper at a home on Oak Meadow Lane which is for sale said a man who said he was interested in buying it insisted he wanted to come in and look at it. When she refused, she said he demanded to come in and use the phone. He finally left. 8/31.

Car Broken Into

SOUTH COAST. A Los Angeles man reported his car was burglarized while parked alongside Highway 1 17 miles south of Big Sur. He said he lost a computer, tape player, video camera and suitcases. 9/1.

CARMEL. A Carmel Valley Village man reported getting into an altercation over traffic with a Monterey man at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road. 9/1.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Miramonte reported finding the partial carcass of a deer in a ravine off the road. 9/1.

VALLEY. The owner of Holman Ranch reported a woman drove onto the property, and while turning around, bounced her car into a parked vehicle. She wanted no prosecution, just to have the incident noted. 9/1.

Spouse Arrested

VALLEY. A 23-year-old man was taken to county jail after his wife complained he came home late to their El Cuenco home, argued with her and choked her and butted her with his head. 9/1.

CARMEL. A Carmel High student said his car was burglarized over night when he left it parked near the school's auto shop. A stereo and equalizer were stolen, he said. 9/2.

VILLAGE. An 18-year-old Carmel Valley man, found passed out in his car at Paso Honda and Village drive, was turned over to the CHP for investigation of DUI. 9/2.

CARMEL. A woman who lives on Lower Trail reported losing her shoulder bag, possibly between her home and the Carmel Valley Racquet Club. 9/3.

Etching Reported Stolen

VALLEY. A man who lives on Rancho Road reported the theft of a signed Rembrandt etching valued at \$1,000 to \$2,000 from the estate of a woman. 9/3.

VALLEY. A man who lives on Rancho Road reported the theft of a painting from the home within a week or so. 9/3.

CARMEL. A clerk at Garzone's reported she lost her briefcase around Monterey and First a week ago. 9/3.

CARMEL. The assistant principal at the high school reported two students fighting in the yard. 9/3.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Cachagua Road said a neighboring woman came to her house, accused her of calling Child Protective Services about her children and

knocked over household items before leaving. 9/3.

Dog Mauls Rabbits

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Paso Hondo reported a neighbor's dog got into her back yard and mauled two rabbits. 9/3.

CARMEL. A man who lives on Aspen Place allegedly threatened a neighboring woman if she did not stay away from his family and his dog. A deputy said the woman allegedly threatened to pour ammonia or bleach on the dog if it kept defecating on her lawn. 9/4.

VALLEY. A 15-year-old youth found swimming after hours at Carmel Valley Racquet Club as found to be intoxicated and turned over to his mother. 9/3.

CARMEL RANCHO. An employee at Thunderbird Book Store reported a man was in the store's ladies room. He was gone when deputies arrived. 9/4.

Marijuana Plants Found

VALLEY. An anonymous caller reported finding seven marijuana plants growing along the river near Garland Park. 9/4.

RIO ROAD. A transient was arrested for public intoxication after he began throwing popcorn at Crossroads Cinema employees who tried to quiet him down. 9/4.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on White Oak Way said another man kicked the front of his car, breaking a turn signal lens, as he was leaving the River Rock Cafe at night. 9/5.

Peeping Toms Reported

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Cachagua Road said she was awakened at 1 a.m. by three young peeping toms. She told deputies they were local youths. 9/5.

BIG SUR. A Menlo Park woman reported her car was burglarized while parked at the Pine Ridge trailhead, a car phone and her wallet containing cash and credit cards being taken. 9/5.

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Paso Hondo said her live-in boyfriend of a month beat her up. 9/5.

RIO ROAD. A transient was asked to leave the Crossroads and not return after employees of some stores said they were afraid of him. They said he burned things and left the ashes at some establishments. 9/5.

Boy Hurt in Fall

BIG SUR. An 8-year-old Orange boy was flown to San Jose Medical Center after falling off a cliff at Pfeiffer Burns State Park. 9/5.

CARMEL. A Cachagua man was arrested when he allegedly tried to discard a bag of marijuana after he was stopped for a mechanical violation on Carpenter Street. He was jailed on charges of possession of marijuana and an outstanding \$3,500 warrant, deputies said. They also said they would recommend that charges be brought against his sister who was in the car with him and jumped out when he threw the bag away, retrieved it and ran into a friend's nearby home. Deputies said both the bag of marijuana and the sister were recovered. 9/6.

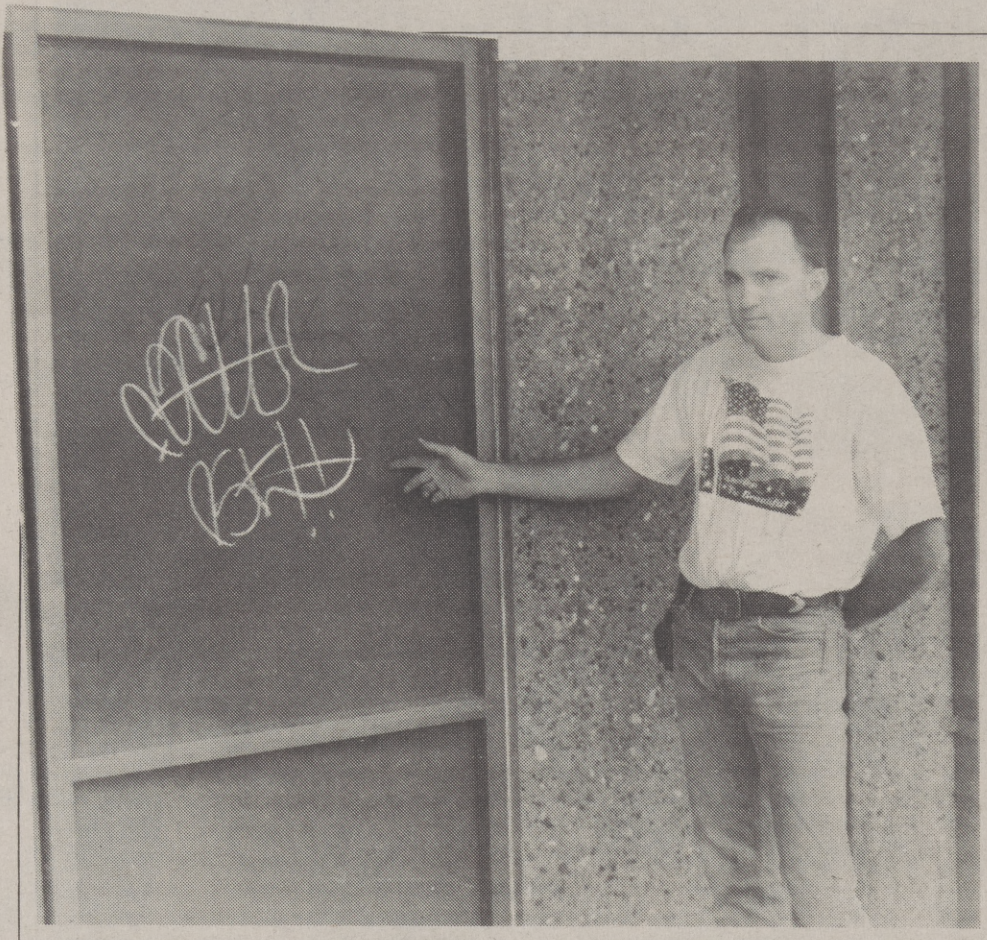
Woman Makes Theft Of Her Auto Easy

A Carmel woman who put her purse and car keys under the front seat when she went to church Sunday morning learned that Carmel does have its share of crime, police reported.

The car, a 1989 Oldsmobile, was stolen and found in Santa Monica the next morning about a block from the beach.

The car was not damaged, and the woman's purse also was recovered—minus the cash, police said.

"Somebody apparently just needed a ride down south," said a Carmel officer. "It does show that even in Carmel, we need to take simple precautions to protect our property." He added no suspects had been identified in the case.



PAUL KRUEGER, owner of Acorn Hardware in the Mid Valley Shopping Center, shows off the graffiti that was painted on stores last week. He expressed concern that it was painted by gang members testing whether Carmel Valley would tolerate their presence here. Sheriff's Officers said they had no evidence gangs were attempting to move into Carmel Valley. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Graffiti Angers Mid Valley Store Owner

Graffiti was painted on some businesses at Mid Valley Shopping Center last week, and the owner of Acorn Hardware said he thought gang members were testing whether they would be tolerated in Carmel Valley.

"We've got to put a stop to this quickly so they will understand that the people in the Valley will not tolerate gang activity here," said Paul Krueger. "I urge everyone to keep their eyes open and report any suspicious activity. If we let this continue, our whole Valley will soon look like the San Fernando Valley."

The vandals marked several dark surfaces with white paint in a flowing, looped signature design. The wooden siding on Acorn Hardware was marked a half dozen times. A few other stores were also defaced at the rear of the shopping center where they were not visible from Carmel Valley Road.

A spokesman for the Sheriff's Office told The Sun he had no evidence that gangs were making a deliberate effort to move into the Valley. "Maybe it was just a few of

them passing through," he said.

The spokesman added, however, that gang activity was serious in nearby areas of the county, including Salinas and Seaside.

Krueger, who has run the hardware store for eight years, said he was convinced gang members were seeing if they could get away with the marking, or "tagging" as it is known. "We've got to let them know this will not be tolerated in Carmel Valley."

Nancy Porter, whose family owns the shopping center, said, "Unfortunately, we have had trouble there from time to time. It's very destructive."

Steal \$882 from Lodge

A thief stole a bank bag containing \$882 in cash from the Sundial Lodge next to City Hall. The bank bag was later found in the parking lot of a Monterey motel along with the checks that had been in the deposit, but the cash was missing. Police said they had no suspects.

Hicks Tweaks Board On Funding

Sheriff Norm Hicks kept up the pressure in his public dispute with the Board of Supervisors over funding for his operations, saying the personnel authorized during recent budget hearings can't really be counted as new.

Hicks, who angered Supervisor Sam Karas when he endorsed his opponent in the Aug. 3 runoff, issued a statement after the supervisors ended their annual budget review last week.

He said he did so to "clarify for the public that the positions authorized by the Board of Supervisors for the Sheriff's Department on Aug. 31 were not 'new.'"

Supervisors did authorize Hicks to fill four vacant deputy's positions and two and a half clerical jobs.

But Hicks noted that the department had 152 deputies in 1978, supported by 60 clerks to handle the work they generated. "In 1993, our staff has been reduced to 143 deputies to respond and handle calls for service and enforcement problems. Our clerical staff also has been reduced to 56 1/2 positions."

This cutback in staffing has occurred, Hicks said while crime in general and the population continued to climb in the unin-

corporated areas of the county.

Karas, who narrowly won election in the fifth district, complained that Hicks' letter to voters endorsing the candidacy of Realtor Jeff Davi contained misleading statements about supervisors' cuts in Hicks staff.

But Hicks did not back down in the face of Karas' ire, defending his claims in the letter as accurate. They included the possibility he would have to close the Monterey substation if other cuts were imposed.

Two of the positions Hicks was authorized to fill Aug. 31 were for patrol and two for the jail. He said with the addition of those two, the Corrections Bureau would have 118 deputies, its authorized strength. "There are 48 other positions such as cooks, clerks and other staff in the Corrections Bureau," Hicks said.

He added that when a newly finished but still-unused work-furlough facility was planned at the jail, it called for six deputies to staff it. Later, he said, the number was reduced to five, and then "the budget crisis hit and the five positions never have been funded by the board."

"I am presently looking at ways to fund the staff for the new facility," he said.

Historic Candidacy Will Be Considered for Golden Bough

Carmel's Golden Bough Theater, put on the market for sale as four residential lots a few weeks ago, will come before the Historic Preservation Committee Thursday for consideration of its candidacy as an historic property.

Chairman Bruce Kibby said the committee would hear a staff report on the potential candidacy of the theater but under the historic preservation ordinance, "It would take a property owner's request to make it happen."

If United Artists Corp. (UA), which owns the theater, does not want historic designation, "Under the current process no further steps would be taken," Kibby said, "Although there is a whole range of other options the city can pursue."

He said the committee was looking to see if the Golden Bough should be added to the list that was being prepared by a professional surveyor of all city properties that could be considered as candidates for designation.

Backed by Mayor Ken White, the committee scheduled its 4 p.m. meeting solely to consider the status of the theater on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth Avenues in the heart of the residential district.

United Artists put the theater on the market for \$1.3 million through San Jose broker John Polonchak. A city ordinance provides that the property will revert to residential use if ceases to be used as a theater. Polonchak said UA would not sell to a competitor in the movie business.

Meanwhile, Stephen Moorer, founder and director of the GroveMont Theater, began a hunt for financial assistance to help the group buy the Golden Bough.

The 10,000 square foot theater is rich in local history. The Arts and Crafts

Club, founded in 1905, bought two lots on Monte Verde in 1907 and began construction of a building. By 1910, the club had established a summer school and went on to build the theater in 1922.

In 1927, the property was sold to the Abalone Club for use as a theater. It was sold again in 1929 to Los Angeles lawyer Edward G. Kuster who leased it to the Carmel Community Playhouse.

Kuster had built a theater called the Golden Bough Playhouse on Ocean Avenue in 1924 that became world famous, according to Enid Sales, a member of the committee. When it was destroyed by fire in 1935, he revamped the old Arts and Crafts building and transferred his operations there.

Fire destroyed the building in 1949 when Kuster built a small theater on the Casanova side of the property called the Circle Theater and a new Golden Bough theater on Monte Verde.

CVPOA Picnic Is Planned Sept. 19

The Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) family picnic will offer a special treat this year with a demonstration of the Peruvian Paso horse.

Dale Williams of Rancho de los Establos Verde will provide the show of horsemanship at the picnic planned for the Trail and Saddle club on East Garzas Road Sept. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$8 for children under 12.

Everyone is welcome but space is limited. Call Ileene-Crane Franks at 659-5623 or 659-2216 for reservations.



BETTER DAYS, a gospel group from the East Valley Foursquare Church in Sacramento, entertained a large crowd estimated at around 700 at the Carmel Valley Community Center on Labor Day. A number of groups sang during the day.
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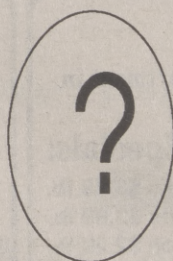
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Pressured, Karas Returns to Water Board

By Stan Hall

Challenged by a disenchanted supporter, Supervisor Sam Karas agreed to serve on the board of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) after saying he would rather sit on the Fort Ord Reuse Task Force—a decision that angered some of his new fifth district constituents.

He changed his mind after Fran Farina, a member of the water management district board, pointed out that the MPWMD enabling legislation required that the supervisors' representative to its board must live within the district.

Newly elected Fourth District Supervisor Edith Johnsen, whose district includes Fort Ord, originally was going to represent the Board of Supervisors on the seven-member water board while Karas served on the Fort Ord Task Force. Former mayor of Marina, Johnsen lives outside MPWMD

boundaries.

But after hearing from Farina and conferring with lawyers for the county and the water management district, Karas told The Sun he now will continue to serve on the Fort Ord group and the water board, but give up a sewer board seat to Johnsen.

A number of Valley residents expressed both disappointment and anger when they heard that Karas had turned down the opportunity to serve on the water board. It is of keen interest to the Valley because most of the peninsula's water comes from it.

Nobody was angrier than Farina, who threw her support behind Karas after finishing third in a June 8 primary for the fifth district supervisorial position.

"He would not have had my support..." if she had known he wouldn't serve, she said before Karas changed his mind. She suggested there was a "strong possibility" he would have been defeated had voters known before the election that he did not want to continue on the water board.

Farina said she supported Karas against 25-year-old Realtor Jeff Davi only after Karas promised her that he would serve on the water board.

The 71-year-old Karas had told The Sun that he decided to give up his seat on the water board because the fifth district workload was heavy and he "could contribute more to the community on the Fort Ord Reuse Task Force. I've been a member three years. This is what I want."

He suggested that he thought the major decisions had been made on the water board, and it was now simply waiting for approval to build the proposed New Los Padres Dam.

Even after Karas agreed to serve on the water board, relations were clearly frosty between him and Farina. Asked what she said to Karas when she telephoned him, she said, "I read him the language from the

code. It was a very short conversation. I told him he had no choice."

"She's absolutely right," Karas later told The Sun.

Initially, MPWMD Chairman Ken Long of Pebble Beach, declared: "I'm puzzled. I don't see the sense in it at all. I can understand why Valley people could feel like they've been let down. Why couldn't he serve on both of them? What's the big deal?"

After The Sun later told him Karas intended to stay on the water board, he said he still had not heard a word from Karas. "It would be nice if he had enough courtesy to talk to the chairman, wouldn't it?"

Asked if he thought Karas would now be able to be an effective member of the board, Long said, "He can be as effective as he wants to. He hasn't been to (the last) three meetings."

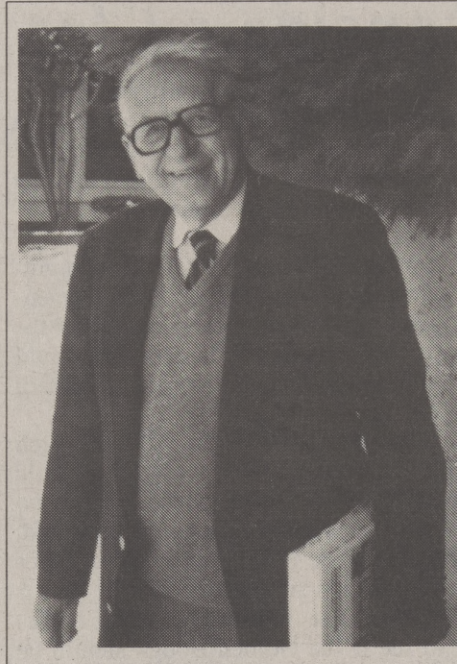
Karas, a two-term incumbent supervisor from the fourth district, won election in the redrawn fifth district Aug. 3 by just 17 votes after a recount. He had been serving as the supervisors' representative on the water management district board and was widely expected to continue in that post.

"One of the conditions that I imposed (for endorsing him) and one to which he clearly responded was that he would serve on the water board," Farina said. She said she later received a letter from Karas reassuring her on that score. "I have it in writing that 'I will keep my promises.'"

Some criticism was also raised because Karas will not serve on the board of Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), either.

His predecessor, Karin Strasser Kauffman, did serve on the MST board and also sat on the water board for seven and a half years before asking Karas to take her place when she became chairman of the Board of Supervisors a year and a half ago.

Strasser Kauffman, who did not seek reelection, did not directly criticize Karas,



SAM KARAS

saying the various board assignments obviously had been worked out amongst the supervisors.

But she did go so far as to say that "The people of the district deserve to have direct representation on the board of those two agencies."

Before Karas reconsidered, one politically well-connected Valley resident said she had received scores of calls from unhappy people. "They're livid," she said.

Another critic who asked to remain anonymous asked, "Where's the accountability? Edith is very capable. But water is always an issue in the Valley because of its impact on land-use issues. Edith won't have to answer to Valley voters in the next election."

Former mayor of Marina, Johnsen was elected from a newly drawn fourth district after new supervisorial districts were finally created following the 1990 census. Her district includes Marina, Fort Ord Seaside, Sand City and Del Rey Oaks. Only Seaside, Sand City and Del Rey Oaks are within the water management boundaries.

Farina pointed out that 85 percent of the water used on the peninsula comes from the Carmel River system which lies within the fifth district. Others noted that a major issue for the water board has been limiting environmental damage caused by overpumping of the Carmel River aquifer.

Asked for his reaction before Karas agreed to serve, Davi did not join in the criticism. "I don't think Sam would have made that decision without deep thought. It's got to be a justifiable decision."

He also had high praise for Johnsen, saying he had served with her on the Mayors' Economic Task Force. "She's qualified and competent to serve on the water board, and I'm confident she will do a good job."

Karas, who said during the campaign that this was his last race, told The Sun he needed to remain on the Fort Ord Task Force to provide a strong environmental voice on it. "I want to see those beautiful open spaces saved," he said.

He also said he thought it was a good time for a transition on the water board, adding that if a water issue came up involving the fifth district, he would "be there before the water board fighting for it."

Ticking off a list of agencies on which he serves, Karas said, "I didn't realize how heavy the workload would be." He added that the water board's Monday night meetings made it difficult to prepare for the Tuesday Board of Supervisors' meeting. "You don't realize how much stuff there is to read," he said.

"The fifth district is much different," Long agreed. "If Sam thought he used to get a lot of calls, he's in for a surprise."

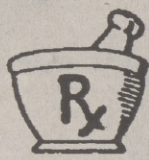
If Karas did not serve on the water board, it would have added to the dilution of fifth district influence on it. Long and Director Dale Hekhuis of Carmel will leave the board in November under a new plan to elect directors from voting districts rather

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Both Sides Gear Up for School Voucher Election Fight

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A local supporter of the initiative, Burkett Cree of Carmel, said he believes the proposition makes sense because it would put as much power as possible in the hands of the users. "Teachers are fed up with regulations," said Cree who has been a Congregational minister in Southern California and on the East Coast.

He is hopeful but not optimistic that the proposition will pass. It took 928,000 signatures to place it on the ballot, but supporters do not have the same sort of financial support that opponents of the proposition have, Cree said, noting the opponents are committed to spend \$15 million to defeat it.

"Their scare tactics will be so horrifying that the average voter who will not have read the initiative will be scared out of his wits," Cree said.

He supports giving more choice to parents. "If you unleash the market forces, you will get better performance," Cree said. Give parents the choice of where to spend their money, and they will choose the school where their child can receive the best education, he maintained.

"Teachers, parents and children want to go in another direction. The money isn't reaching the classroom. It is going somewhere else," Cree charged.

"Parents can make the best choice. The buyer will be empowered. Now the seller is empowered," he said.

Christopher Harris, director of Chartwell School in Seaside which serves students with learning disabilities, called the proposition "tricky."

"Students who go here attend by necessity of special education needs. Parents pay \$9,300 tuition. It's pretty overwhelming for most people. The proposition might make it possible for more youngsters who need the program to attend."

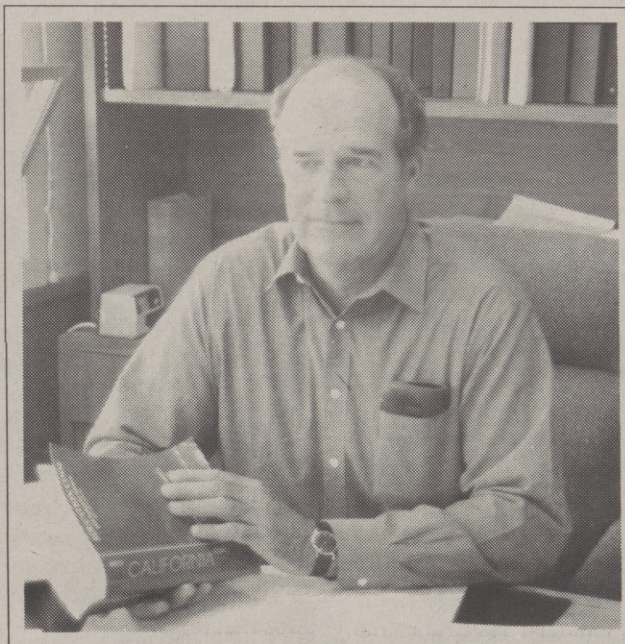
But Harris said, he has reluctantly decided he can't support it is open-ended. It might exclude students by race or religion, he said. "You could basically set up what you want and not have educational standards."

The initiative, called The Parental Choice in Education Initiative, would take a simple majority vote and amend the California Constitution with these stated purposes:

- Enable parents to determine which schools best meets their children's needs.
- Empower parents to send their children to such schools
- Establish academic accountability.
- Reduce bureaucracy so that more educational dollars reach the classroom.
- Provide greater opportunities for teachers.
- Mobilize the private sector to help accommodate the burgeoning school-age population.

The initiative would provide a voucher worth at least 50 percent of the amount the state and local government spends per student.

Like many other critics of the proposal, Baldwin



VANCE BALDWIN

contended the initiative would bring additional financial woes to public school. "I think it will be devastating for public education in the state of California because of the money the public schools will lose," Baldwin said.

He explained the state has about 531,000 students who now attend private schools, and if they all claim their voucher benefits, it would cost the state over \$1.3 billion, he said.

Baldwin said he wouldn't mind more competition in education. "I don't mind the competition. That would be fun."

But he said he would like a level playing field if there is to be competition. "If our board has to run the school by this," he said holding up a six-inch thick education code book, "then I think the competition should have to also."

Cree countered that the Carmel school system spends about \$7,000 per student per school-year. If Baldwin really is interested in a level playing field, he'd ask for schools set up under the voucher system to receive \$7,000 per student apiece, Cree said.

Cree asked if Baldwin had written letters to the state legislature objecting to the many regulations it has placed on public schools. If proposition 174 passes, public school officials might begin to object to the many regulations Sacramento now places on them, Cree said. Right now, they just go along because they are part of the bureaucracy, he charged.

"Personally, I would be for a voucher program written differently," Baldwin said. "This one would be devastating. It would turn the system into turmoil," Baldwin said.

The initiative states that the state legislature may provide additional funds for transportation needs for low-

income children and special needs students such as those who have physical impairments or learning disabilities. Under the initiative, private schools must have an enrollment of 25 for students to qualify for funds from the vouchers.

Baldwin said one of the major drawbacks is that private schools could still admit just those students they choose. "They would be able to deny admission to special education, handicapped or students whose academic achievement did not meet their standards," he said.

He said one fear is if a number of new schools are started up, the public school may be left with just students who have educational problems. But after reflection, he said the federal Americans with Disabilities Act might force the private schools to accept students with disabilities.

If the initiative passes, the bulk of the payments would go to students who attend existing private schools, Baldwin predicted. He said most existing private and public schools do not have a lot of excess capacity, so unless they expand their facilities other students would go to new schools.

Baldwin also argued that the voucher plan would not benefit many low income families because they still would not be able to afford to send their children to expensive private schools which have tuition in the \$8,000 or higher range.

Proponents of Proposition 174 noted that small religious or home schools have very low expenses. EdSource, a nonprofit educational research agency located in Menlo Park, said private schools are remarkably free of regulations in contrast to the public schools. They have no requirements for teacher certification, no state-required financial accountability and no curricular standards.

According to current California law, private schools must meet fire safety and health standards but not earthquake standards. Many private schools do not have formal salary schedules. Very few have employee unions. As a result, tenure and seniority rights are voluntary and rarely exist, it said.

Private schools are free to screen and select their students, to deny admission to low achieving students and to expel troublesome ones.

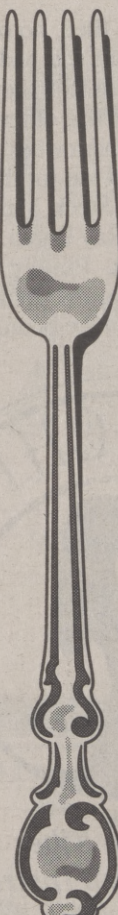
State legislators already have provided for charter schools which could be started within the public school system and allow for the creation of schools which could emphasize science, math, drama or other subjects. But the charter schools would be subject to a number of state regulations, and starting one would be a fairly complicated process, according to local school officials.

Proposition 174 states that private schools, regardless of size, shall be accorded maximum flexibility to educate their students and shall be free from unnecessary, burdensome or onerous regulation.

According to a legislative analysis of the ballot initiative, it would take a transfer of 20 percent of the public school students to private ones for the state to break even on the costs of the proposition.

Supporters who have formed an organization called Yes, on Prop. 174: A Better Choice (ABC), say it would be no problem to get more than 20 percent of public school students to switch to private schools.

John Herr, ABC's deputy communications director, predicted 40 percent of current public school students would use the vouchers to transfer to private schools if the initiative is approved.



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Students Lead Younger Students At Carmel Anti-Drug Conference

By Carolyn Rice

"I thought if I were drunk people would like me better because I was funny."

Stacie Hernandez, a 19-year-old recovering drug addict from Big Bear, Calif., told about 700 Carmel High School and Carmel Middle School students she ended up in a drug treatment program during her senior year of high school and missed out on what is "supposed to be one of the best years of your life."

"I look back on my life and see I've made some real poor choices," she told the students who were taking part in a two day anti-drug and alcohol conference known as Youth to Youth, which was sponsored by a local group, Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA).

About 100 high school students met at the Carmel Youth Center on Thursday and then went to middle school on Friday where they attended more sessions and worked with small groups of younger students.

Hernandez said her substance abuse started in sixth grade when she drank wine coolers at parties. "I was trying to fit in because I didn't feel like I fit in anywhere," she said. "Almost all my school years I used drugs to try to cover up things."

"What I want to say to you guys is, think about it," she said. "I'm lucky I'm still alive. I had a couple of close calls."

Another Youth to Youth student volunteer, Nick Webb of Redding, said he's always been straight. The best feeling of his life was when he climbed Mt. Shasta. "I was completely sober. It was the best feeling of my life. It was awesome."

A freshman at the University of California at Davis this year, Webb said his parents were not into drugs and their friends weren't, "but some of my friends have been in it."

"Now they have no life. They're stuck. When friends did things I didn't want to do, I did other things."

Soccer, choir and homework kept Webb busy, he said. "Where I am today, I can't beat it. If I hadn't made the choices I did, I don't know where I'd be today."

High school students Kyle Decker, Jacquie MacMillan, Julie Maculso and Kellie Crosswell said they found the conference informative.

"We've learned to deal with other people on a personal basis," Crosswell said.

"And we've learned kids respond to spirit and fun rather than being preached at," Maculso said.

MacMillan said she went to the conference "closed-minded and came away open-minded. I learned how to erase preconceptions."

Lisa Fraser, director of athletics at Carmel High School, attended the sessions



CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL students who attended the Youth to Youth conference followed the actions of their leaders who acted out a routine to a lively tune from the Rocky Horror movie. Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

at the Youth Center. "The students were anxious and reserved in the morning. By afternoon they were more interested and willing to risk," she said.

The high school students were told they didn't have to continue with the conference the second day if they felt they couldn't buy in, Fraser said. "There was a 100 percent attendance on the second day," she said.

Shannon Dougherty, a Carmel High freshman who was leading a small group at middle school, said the students in her group were talkative and "aren't into it." She said some in her group didn't think it was "cool."

She and Susan Webb, another freshman, both attended a Southern California Youth to Youth week-long conference this summer. "We're all into it. But it's hard to do it in a day," Webb said.

Dottie Bradbury, a CASA adult volunteer, predicted the middle school students, "will buy into it by the end of the day."

Dougherty said when she attended the conference, "I had a choice. I wanted to go there." But she noted the middle school students had no personal choice in attending the day long conference.

"It's been successful but it's been frustrating for those of us who are trying to teach them," she said. "They talk all the time and won't be quiet."

An individual anonymously loaned

CASA \$13,000 to pay for the conference. Fundraisers will be held later to pay the CASA supporter back, according to Janet Myers, a co-chair of CASA.

Janell Malek, the school nurse for the Carmel district, said she attended the Youth to Youth Southern California conference. "It works," she said. "Its approach is to help kids feel valued, supported and cared for. It's not preachy. It's just caring about kids."

Mandy Stout, a Youth to Youth volunteer who attends high school in San Ramon, said she first drank excessively at a family Easter dinner. "I made a complete fool out of myself and got grounded for a couple of weeks," she said.

Stout said she had a friend who rode with a drunk driver and today will never walk or speak again after a car wreck. "He made the choice to ride with a drunk driver. I don't think he would have made the choice if he hadn't been drinking," he said.

There are no guarantees in life, Stout said. "I'm not going to waste time any more experimenting with drugs and alcohol."

John Trinh, a Youth to Youth 17-year-old volunteer from Orange County, said the time had been more limited at the Carmel conference than at most conferences he has attended. "People still get the message," he

said. "I have seen a lot of community support. You usually don't see that up and down the coast." Trinh has been volunteering at Youth to Youth conferences for three years.

Students could choose two workshops to attend on Friday which were taught by people from the community. Topics included building bridges—reducing prejudices, how to hook up with your perfect mate, learning the facts about drugs, recognizing abuse and violence and dealing with them effectively, developing a plan to resist temptation, how to date without getting sexually involved, suicide prevention, Narcotics Anonymous, introduction to jujitsu and self defense.

Other topics were choreographing a jazz routine, making your own beads, learning to make a public speech announcement, games, giggles and outrageous fun, entertaining with magic, learning cooperative and challenging games, dance movement, rescue 911, search and rescue dogs and writing.

Lum Drops School Board Race

Ginger Lum said she has withdrawn from the Carmel Unified School Board election Nov. 2.

Lum said when she filed, no other candidates had yet filed, but she had felt undecided about whether or not she wanted to run for the position. When others filed, she said she decided to withdraw her name.

Candidates who will vie for the two-year term are Annette Yee Steck, James Kistenmacher, Nancy Dice, Ray Burch.

Incumbents Frank Pinney and Dan Hightower are running unopposed for the two, four-year terms on the board.

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The President's health care reform package is finally taking shape and, not surprisingly, will result in additional expenses to business.

The premium for the basic health insurance plan is estimated to be \$4,200 for a family and \$1,800 for an individual. 80% of the premium would be paid by the employer and the remaining 20% by the employee. It appears that the premiums will be collected via the payroll tax system. The government would pay the premiums of the poor and unemployed.

The benefits available under the plan are still in the formative stage but it appears to cover most basic medical needs. Should an employer wish to offer additional benefits to his employees, the cost of providing such benefits would be non-deductible to the employer and taxable to the employee.

Although a noble idea, I have to wonder whether or not this will turn into the same expensive mess as Medicare and Social Security.

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Mayor Will Ask Council Okay Of Appointments

Mayor Ken White will propose a series of appointments and reappointments to the City Council next Tuesday, naming Maggie Hardy to a full, four-year term on the Planning Commission and reappointing Commissioner Lindsay Hanna until he can find a replacement who has "some longevity" as a resident.

Five persons have applied for the commission but White made it clear he wants more of a pool of volunteers before he even sets the date for a public hearing on Hanna's replacement to the seven-member panel. Hanna agreed to stay on until a replacement is appointed.

White planned to reappoint Linda Anderson and Ann Borden for another four-year term on the Community and Cultural Commission which Anderson chairs. Commissioner David Benjamin, a radio station owner, has resigned and White will seek council approval to replace him with Don Bowen, incoming president of the Carmel Business Association (CBA).

White said he also would renominate Don Kremer and Roy Thomas to four-year terms on the Forest and Beach Commission where Kremer is vice chairman.

John Hicks and Richard Walberg will be reappointed to the Harrison Memorial Library Board. Hicks is the chairman of the board.

White said he had not accepted the resignation of Bruce Kibby as chair of the recently formed Historic Preservation Committee. Kibby submitted his resignation because he has moved out of the city but White said, "We can have some people who live outside the city if you can't find qualified people as long as it's not over 50 percent. I asked him to stay through the survey, and he said he would stay as long as time permits."

The committee hired a professional surveyor to check some 2,000 houses over 50 years old and choose 35 to be proposed for historic designation. The work is expected to be completed in about nine months.



MAGGIE HARDY



CARMEL WILL CELEBRATE ITS 77th BIRTHDAY in combination with the annual Halloween Parade on Oct. 31. It will be the first year the two events have been joined in recent memory although the city's official birthday does fall on Oct. 31. The Carmel Celebrates Community Committee, which is organizing the birthday party, will even have a big screen TV at Sunset Center so no one has to miss the 49ers game. The parade will start at noon taking Ocean Avenue west to Lincoln and back east to San Carlos and

Sunset Center where there will be free ice cream and special guest, Barney the Purple Dinosaur. A barbecue will be held at 1 p.m. with music for dancing by the Wharfside Whalers. Tickets are \$2 for children under 12 for hot dogs, chips and soda and \$10 for adults for chicken barbecue. They are available at City Hall, Nielsen's Market, the Carmel Business Association and the Recreation Department. Sun file photo shows partygoers at the barbecue last year.

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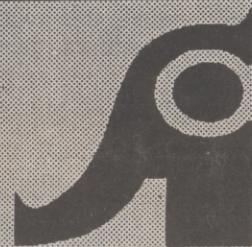
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Carmel Valley Library Suffers from Budget Cutbacks

By Carolyn Rice

Wineglass racks hang over the checkout counter, a fire burns cheerfully in the fireplace, an old security camera hangs on the wall and Visa and Mastercharge signs still are displayed on a glass door.

These items are left over from what was once the Buckeye restaurant in the Carmel Valley Village. But it is now very much a community library—one which loaned out 47,000 books, magazines and other items last year and answered 6,000 reference questions.

Located at 65 West Carmel Valley Road, the Carmel Valley Branch library, "has the most atmosphere and ambiance of any of our libraries in the county," said Dallas Shaffer who heads the Monterey County Free Libraries.

But like the other 15 branches in the county system, it is suffering from a drop in county funding from \$3.6 million in 1992-93 to \$2.8 million in 1993-94.

Just last week the Board of Supervisors added \$160,000 to the library budget, Shaffer said. She was happy for the additional funds, but noted it still doesn't begin to make up for past cuts.

"I think libraries are like museums and symphonies," Shaffer said. "We're going to have to diversify our source of income."

The county book budget has been cut 45 percent during the past two years, Shaffer said. Despite budget problems, the library has no plan to charge patrons for cards. "That's totally against our philosophy of the free library system," Shaffer said. "It puts up barriers, particularly for people who can least afford it. A lot of children wouldn't be able to afford it."

Shaffer noted the Monterey County Free Libraries is the actual name of the system and reflects its philosophy. "We believe very strongly in free access to information."

Nearly 300 books go out the doors of the



SALLY WHITTER AND DOROTHY ROBERTS work at the Carmel Valley library along with 10 other volunteers who shelve books and do other jobs.

2,800 square foot rustic wood building each day under the arms of children and adults.

Hours at the library have been cut back to 32 a week—typical of the cutback in hours at other county libraries.

"We used to be open 40 hours a week," Shaffer said. But reductions in funding forced the county library to cut staff and hours, she said.

"We really feel we can't cut down any more hours, or we're not a viable library service," she said.

The smallest libraries in the county are open just 15 hours a week, and every library has had its hours reduced. Seaside, Prunedale and Soledad are open 46 hours each week, the most hours of any of the county libraries.

Sandy Palazzolo and Marci Madsen work full-time at the Carmel Valley library, backed up by 12 regular volunteers who put in about 50 hours a week. Some volunteers work two hours and some spend full days helping out the paid staff.

When asked if the library could operate without the volunteers, Palazzolo said, "It would be hard."

Three additional volunteers organize the children's storytelling. Susan Newton will tell Halloween stories on Oct. 26 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The other two storytellers are Susan Rosen and Laura Cohan.

When Palazzolo and Madsen finish their 32 hours at the Carmel Valley branch, they go to other branches to round out their 40-hour work week.

Gail Knoles is head librarian at the Carmel Valley branch. But she has been out on extended sick leave since July and hopes to return in January, Shaffer said.

The county library has 50 employees for 16 branches, Shaffer said. Twenty of the 50 work in two locations every week. All temporary help has been let go. When someone is sick, a librarian from the administrative center in Prunedale substitutes.

"We have an incredibly dedicated staff. I have never worked in any system where the people are as dedicated and flexible as they are here," Shaffer said.

"We worry too about getting sick," Palazzolo said.

Carmel Valley has the most active and largest number of volunteers, Shaffer said. The Friends of the Library, who meet the first Tuesday of every month, raise

money, maintain the attractive patio area and grounds and donate a cord of firewood to the library each year. Susan McDonald is president of that group.

The Friends have an ongoing used book sale. Hardbacks sell for \$1 to \$3, depending on whether they are recent or not. Some new hardbacks which are donated go into the library collection if it doesn't have a copy, Shaffer said.

The Friends also donate subscriptions to magazines. Shaffer said the magazine collection is housed in what used to be the wine cellar for the Buckeye.

"It's the best place to work on a hot summer day," Madsen observed, noting it's the coolest place in the building.

The Carmel Valley Kiwanis have a book donation project for children. Kiwanian Doug Pease said the group buys about 120 paperbacks a year which children can check out and read. Then they bring them back to the library, and their name is placed in the cover, and they get to keep the book.

Kiwanis has spent \$500 on the project in each of the past four years. The project is part a national project called Reading is Fundamental, Pease said.

Shaffer said the Valley library will receive a computer checkout system this year. Presently books are checked out by hand, and librarians go through the cards individually each night to keep track of them. Checkout is done at the old Buckeye bar which still has the 375-2241 sheriff's emergency number prior to 911 carved in the wood.

Mrs. George Koh started the "Carmelo Branch Library" in her home in December of 1938 and ran it until 1947. A number of men and women ran the library in several different locations. Sometimes the post office was in the same building. Roderick Ekert served as custodian until Jan. of 1951 when his post office duties became too demanding. That same year the library's name was changed to the Carmel Valley Branch.

The library has been located a number of places during the years. In 1979, the Friends of Carmel Valley Library were instrumental in leasing and remodeling the Buckeye. It opened in February of 1980.

Despite home computers, video movies and games and television, library use is still high, Schaffer said. In fact, with the increasingly complex and bountiful information available to people, she feels citizens need libraries more than ever to help them sort through the present day information explosion.

Shaffer said ideally a library spends 20 percent of its budget on new acquisitions. But with just \$260,000 set aside

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SANDY PALAZZOLO, librarian at the Carmel Valley branch, said what used to be the wine cellar at the old Buckeye serves as storage for magazines at the library. Sun photos by Carolyn Rice

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A COZY FIRE ATTRACTS library patrons to the Carmel Valley branch on cool days. Librarians Marci Madsen, Dallas Shaffer, head librarian for Monterey County, and Sandy Palazzolo confer about library business. Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

C.V. Library Serves Community

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for books and magazines in the coming fiscal year, the county library system doesn't come close to that mark, she said. "With 200,000 people in our county, that's \$1.60 per person," she said. "That's less than one paperback per person."

Besides the friends groups which support individual libraries in the county, Shaffer said the Foundation For Monterey County Free Libraries was started in 1990 with a bequest from Mark Massel who was a Carmel Valley resident. His widow, Katharine, who lives in Carmel Valley is president of the foundation.

The foundation has done some mailings but mainly seeks support on a one-to-one basis, Shaffer said. It has 17 members.

Another benefactor was Beverly Cleary, the well-known children's author who wrote the Ramona series. She gave the county a \$125,000 bookmobile which is now making the rounds of the county. The gift has been the largest gift from an individual which the library has ever received, Shaffer said.

Shaffer said Cleary told her she has been treated like a hero by her acquaintances since the donation was announced. Cleary had initially said she wanted her donation to be anonymous.

The bookmobile's role has become even more important following the cutback in library hours, Shaffer said. It makes stops in South County at San Antonio School, Lockwood Community Center, Jolon, King City, Camp 21, San Gerardo and Chualar School.

On the Peninsula it stops at Pebble Beach, Seaside, Carmel Highlands, Carmel Rancho Shopping Center and Mid Valley Shopping Center.

In the Salinas area it goes to Toro Park, Spreckels, San Benancio, Los Lomas Market and Boronda School.

In October, it will make weekly stops on the peninsula rather than biweekly as it has during the summer, Shaffer said. Any county library can furnish information on the time the bookmobile will be at a certain stop, she said.

Hours at the Carmel Valley Village Library are noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mill Creek Coastal Permit Okayed

Reporting that a coastal development permit was unanimously approved by the Coastal Commission, the regional park district said it expected its Mill Creek Preserve in Palo Colorado Canyon to be opened to the public by next summer.

General Manager Gary Tate told the board that no appeal was filed challenging plans to open the preserve to limited public use. In the past, however, the plan has been controversial, with some residents of the canyon opposed, citing the narrow access road and the danger of fire.

The permit was for the creation of a small parking lot off Palo Colorado Road and a installation of a small trailer to be used as an office by a park ranger.

Higher Ambulance Rates Likely

Supervisors cleared the way Tuesday for higher emergency ambulance rates in the county based on what is charged in selected other counties in the state.

The board approved an ordinance changing the method by which the rates can be set and ordered a public hearing for Oct. 19 for considering new rates.

Pressed by some companies for higher rates, the county has done a survey of charges in eight adjacent or similar counties. The survey found, in general, that rates in Monterey County are below the average in the other counties.

For example, the base charge for a call using advanced life support personnel—paramedics—in Monterey County is \$411 compared to an average of \$487 in the other areas. Other charges are added to this, including mileage, oxygen use and whether emergency sirens and lights are used.

Chief Gary Carmichael, secretary of the Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance which serves the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur region, said most charges would go up under the survey method.

The counties surveyed included San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Fresno, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

Having been blocked by litigation from moving to countywide competitive bidding for ambulances services, the county has been allowing interim rate increases based on the Consumer Price Index changes for

the Western United States. Ambulance operators noted that ambulance costs, like all other medical costs, were advancing much faster than inflation overall.

The county is working toward putting all ambulance service in the county up for competitive bids by a single provider by January of 1996.

Carmichael said the county has allowed a charge of \$28 for the use of CPR by ambulance crews, but that the county's Emergency Medical Services agencies recommended that CPR be provided without charge.

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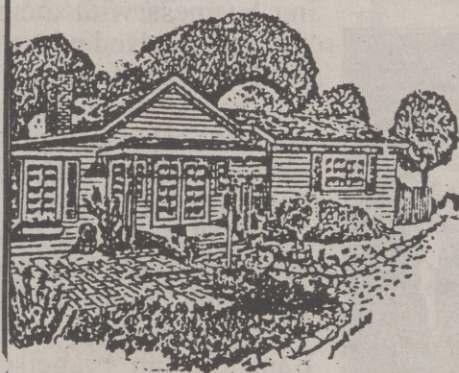


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He said that average daily high for the month was 73.5 degrees, the warmest in 42 years and 4.3 degrees above normal.

In addition, the maximum reading of 96 degrees on Aug. 1 was an all-time high for any day in August on record in Monterey, said Renard, retired head of the Navy Postgraduate School meteorology department.

Renard said the previous high for August was 95 degrees, set on Aug. 27, 1962, and Aug. 29, 1968. Record highs were also set for Aug. 2, 88 degrees, and Aug. 26, 85 degrees.

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McFarland Case Provides Rare Insight into Banking P

By Isabelle Hall

Following the trail of Carmel developer Craig McFarland as he went from bank to bank borrowing huge sums of money on personal signed statements and a history of being a good customer provides a rare insight into the kind of sloppy banking practices that led to the nation's savings and loan crisis.

McFarland, who was arrested in Monaco last week on charges of bilking \$12 million from five California banks, got millions of dollars of loans without so much as the basic credit check that any would-be home owner goes through to qualify for a mortgage. Backed by tax returns showing a substantial income, he had built up a long history of borrowing and paying back money over the years that made him a valued and well-respected customer.

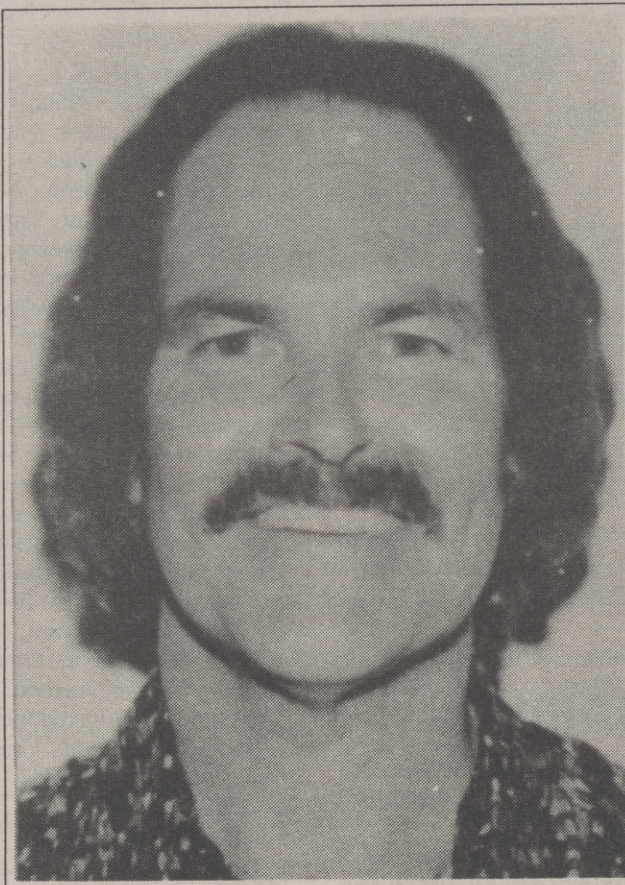
"It's just the tip of the iceberg," said one local banking official speaking off the record.

The story is traced in a 17-page affidavit filed by FBI Agent George Mozingo of the San Francisco White Collar Crimes Division in U.S. District Court, who conducted the investigation after McFarland disappeared and the banks complained of being defrauded in the spring of 1992.

Prior to that, the banks never checked to discover each other's loans, most of them unsecured. The FBI said investigators also found that nearly \$2 million was funneled into accounts at offshore banks in Bermuda, the Channel Islands off Great Britain and in Switzerland.

McFarland got the huge loans for a wide variety of purposes. He got money for "personal investment and expenses," and even "personal living expenses." He got million dollar lines of credit without any kind of verification of his signed statements and easily parlayed some of them into being doubled. One bank even went along with his written request not to check at other banks for any loans he might have, the affidavit said.

"They all did," said a former federal investigator acquainted with the case. "It's a real lesson for all financial institutions what an operator like this can do, and when he builds up a reputation for himself as a big businessman, he can go into these places and the banks are taken in by it."



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One banker explained that "wheeler-dealers" get far different treatment than the average person who applies for a home or car loan that is secured by the property. Such loans are immediately reported to the credit agencies, he said, while a million dollar loan not backed by any secondary source for a "valued customer" might not.

McFarland went to the five banks and borrowed money on the basis of his signature and substantial income without disclosing, the FBI alleged, that he had substantial loans with other banks—four of them secured by property and therefore even more readily detected through a simple credit check. He is accused of 15 counts of making false statements to a federally insured financial institution and one count of bank fraud. If convicted, he could face up to \$1 million in fines per count and/or 30 years imprisonment.

"He was well established and had been doing business with them," said a local banker. "He got involved with the movers and shakers in Pebble Beach and built up connections." Another developer agreed that McFarland "had excellent banking connections."

He is charged with defrauding First Interstate Bank of \$2,025,410, Bank of California of \$1,983,000, Bank of San Francisco of \$4 million, Bank of America of \$2.5 million and California Commerce Bank of \$1.5 million.

Jerry H. Lasley, senior vice president of the Bank of San Francisco, which alleged the largest loss, is described as having known McFarland for over 10 years and having provided him with several loans and lines of credit over the years. When he approached Lasley for a \$1.2 million line of credit in the summer of 1989, he was "then a well-respected BSF customer," the affidavit said.

According to the FBI, in 1985 when he simultaneously got unsecured loans, each for \$250,000, from California Commerce Bank (CCB) in San Jose and Hibernia Bank, he already had a \$250,000 line of credit with Security Pacific National Bank which subsequently merged with Hibernia.

McFarland received a \$250,000 unsecured line of credit from Hibernia Bank about Aug. 9 for "personal investments and expenses." Hibernia Bank merged with Security Pacific National Bank in 1988 and that bank merged with Bank of America in April, 1992.

From Aug. 31, 1986, through Nov. 25, 1987, McFarland renewed his Hibernia Bank unsecured line of credit three times, increasing the amount to \$1,250,000. The loan was transferred to Security Pacific after the merger, where

McFarland already had the \$250,000 unsecured line of credit at the Carmel branch, and was assigned to Cassandra Montieth, an assistant vice president.

According to the affidavit, the loan package McFarland submitted to Security Pacific was false because it failed to identify \$2,718,847 in unsecured loans he had at the Bank of California, Household Bank, Pacific Bank and Sanwa Bank.

McFarland signed the statement certifying the information was "complete, true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief," the affidavit said.

Security Pacific "relied on the information contained in the financial statement in making its decision whether to grant him credit," the FBI said. On Jan. 31, 1989, a \$1.5 million line of credit was approved by Vice President Mary C. Hanemann, Senior Vice President Don Berry, and a credit officer identified in the affidavit only as Rick.

In November, McFarland sought renewal of the credit from Monteith. Again, he submitted a loan package with a signed statement and again the bank relied on it in making its decision to grant him another loan, this time for \$2.5 million. It was approved by Robert Dalrymple, division credit officer and first vice president, and Berry.

At the time, the affidavit said, McFarland had \$5,432,336 in loans from Bank of California, California Commerce Bank, Household Bank, and Pacific Bank. Two of the loans, both just under \$1 million at California Commerce and Pacific Bank were secured, the others were not.

A simple credit check might or might not have disclosed the loans, according to a local banker. "It would depend on what had been reported. When you're dealing with these high rollers, banks are not as likely to report all the details as they would for a small borrower. Bankers are very careful about how they treat these people," he said, although he added that "every six months banks have an audit in-house subject to check by state or federal auditors."

The four secured loans were: \$2,790,667 with the Bank of San Francisco, \$937,076 with Pacific Bank, \$500,000 with Pacific Bank and one in an unknown amount with American West Bank, the affidavit revealed.

In March, 1991, McFarland asked for a renewal of this unsecured personal line of credit which was about to mature at Security Pacific, and again presented a signed personal statement which this time investigators alleged failed to disclose \$8,163,000 in loans, all but one of them unsecured.

Once more, the FBI said Security Pacific "relied on the information contained in the financial statement in making its decision whether to grant him credit."

Monteith, who handled McFarland's account from 1989 through 1992, told the FBI neither she nor anyone else at the bank was aware he had other unsecured lines of credit at other financial institutions.

"Monteith states McFarland was an excellent customer who had a good history with SPNB," the affidavit said. The bank never got suspicious until he became delinquent in submitting quarterly documentation verifying his liquid assets as the loan agreement required and stopped returning phone calls and correspondence.

At the same time he got the first loan cited in the affidavit from Hibernia, McFarland approached California Commerce Bank where \$250,000 was approved by Leo D. Taylor, executive vice president. From Dec. 31, 1985, through February, 1990, the affidavit said, McFarland renewed the line of credit six times, increasing the loan amount to \$1.5 million.

About Jan. 31, 1990, McFarland sought renewal of his \$1.5 million personal line of credit to refurbish his real estate acquisitions with the intent to resell properties as repayment, according to the affidavit. The account officer

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assigned to his line of credit was Arlie D. Ferguson, a CCB vice president.

He presented a loan package with a signed personal financial statement which failed to disclose \$6,930,076 in loans from American West Bank, Security Pacific Bank, Bank of California, Household Bank and the Pacific Bank, the FBI said. The loan was approved about Feb. 9 by Michael D. Farstad, executive vice president, and McFarland later signed a promissory note for the money.

A year later on April 23, 1991, McFarland sought another renewal of the loan with the stated purpose "simply to renew the existing line of credit." This request was assigned to Ferguson. This time McFarland's signed statement allegedly failed to disclose \$10,944,197 in loans: \$2,470,530 to Security Pacific Bank, \$1,483,000 to Bank of California, \$1.2 million and \$2,790,667 to Bank of San Francisco, \$1.5 million to First Interstate Bank, \$1 million to Household Bank and \$500,000 to The Pacific Bank.

Around April 23, the loan was approved by Roger Bivens, senior vice president, and McFarland signed a promissory note May 5. Ferguson, described as the official responsible for McFarland's account from the date of the first loan in 1985 until his disappearance, said, "Neither he or anyone else at CCB had any idea that McFarland had other unsecured lines of credit at other locations," the affidavit said.

Had Ferguson known, "he would have demanded payoff of the loan and would not have recommended or approved an extension," the affidavit said. It was against bank policy to have extended unsecured lines when others existed at other facilities, the FBI said.

Ferguson said McFarland had a history with the bank of being a good customer.

"CCB's loans were made as pure credit decisions based on McFarland's income, liquidity, and record of meeting payments. In particular, his tax records revealed a sizable income," the affidavit said.

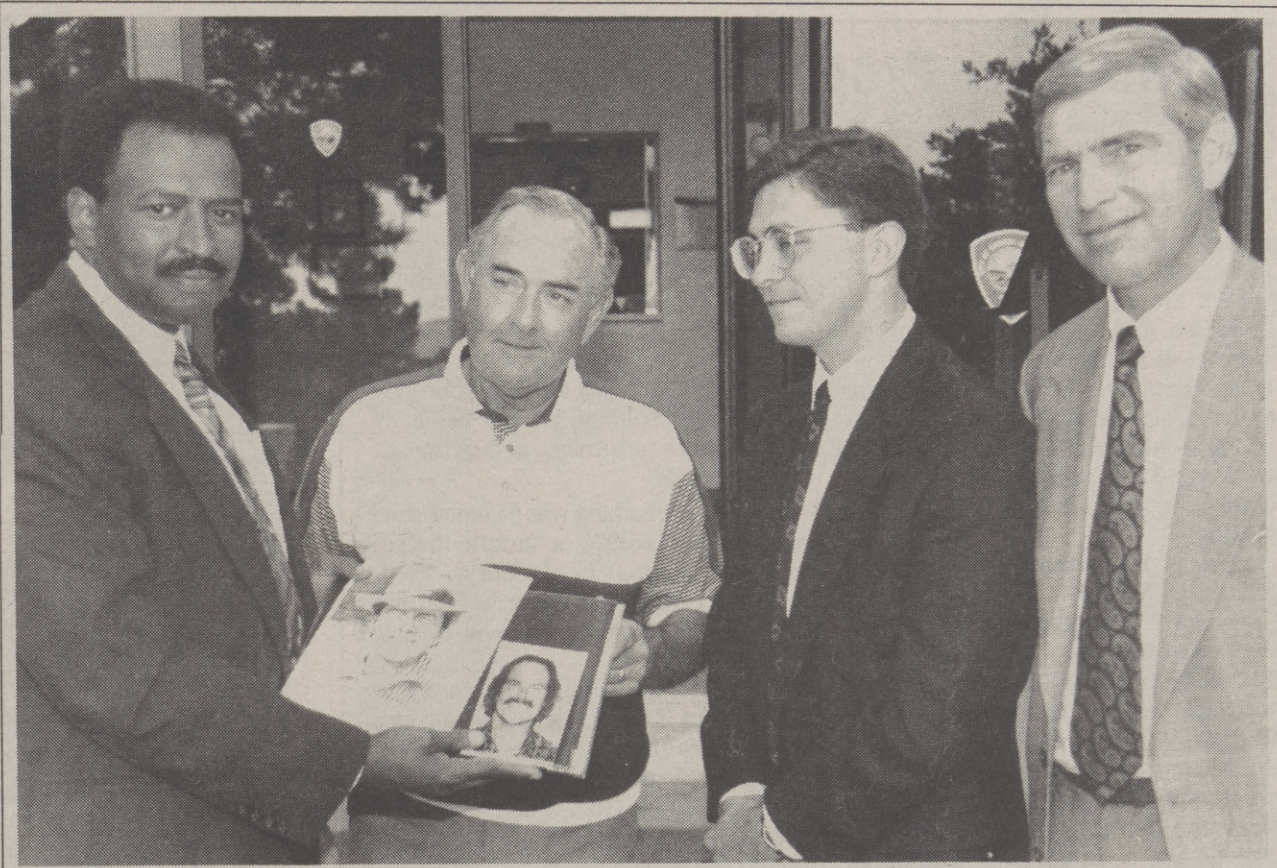
On April 30, 1988, McFarland contacted Bank of California (BOC) for a \$1 million line of credit to support his "investment activities," the affidavit said. It only took him about six weeks to get the money.

He was introduced to BOC through a former branch manager whom the FBI did not identify, and the account was assigned to Linda Curtis. On June 24, after receiving a signed personal financial statement, BOC approved a \$1 million, one-year line of credit for McFarland. He is accused of failing to advise the bank he had \$1,688,912 in loans from the Pacific Bank and Sanwa Bank.

A year later on May 4, 1989, McFarland renewed and increased his line of credit to \$2 million, again providing updated financial information to Curtis with a signed personal financial statement. This time it allegedly failed to note he had \$2,936,075 in loans from Pacific Bank and Household Bank, half of them unsecured. It took him barely two weeks to get approval for double his original loan.

In the spring of 1990, the affidavit said Curtis was dismissed from her position and account officer Lynn Northfield took over the McFarland line of credit. Northfield said she met personally with him in San Francisco when the loan was due for renewal, and she and other BOC officers reviewed his updated financial information and approved the renewal June 30. This time he allegedly failed to disclose \$4,613,892 in loans from the Pacific Bank, California Commerce, Household Bank and the Bank of San Francisco.

The pattern was repeated in June, 1991, when he got another renewal, this time failing to report \$8,961,334 in loans, the affidavit said. Northfield left the bank that month, and the account was assigned to Elise Wen who told the FBI she talked to him and he answered questions about his statement satisfactorily.



FBI AGENTS SHOWED before and after photos of Craig McFarland. McFarland was arrested in Monaco where he was carrying a false passport but was identified by fingerprints which had been supplied by

the FBI. San Jose FBI Supervisor Bill Smith showed the photos to Carmel Mayor Ken White. FBI agents Manuel Alvarez and George Mozingo worked on the case.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

A year after opening his relationship with BOC, McFarland approached Lasley, a senior vice president he had known for 10 years at the Bank of San Francisco (BSF), which ultimately loaned him \$4 million.

He originally sought \$1.2 million in the summer of 1989. By October, "McFarland was then a well-respected BSF customer and a \$1.2 million revolving year-to-year line of credit" was approved March 5, 1990, the affidavit related, on the basis of his signed personal financial statement. It allegedly omitted \$4,436,075 in loans and another updated statement requested left out \$3,936,075 in loans.

When the line of credit was extended for another year on April 5, 1991, McFarland is accused of failing to list \$5,963,000 in loans.

In the spring of 1991, McFarland asked Lasley about obtaining a \$2.8 million term loan to replenish his cash after he had bought an IBM building in San Jose, the affidavit said. This time the loan was secured by a second Deed of Trust on McFarland's commercial property known as "Cottage Row" in Carmel.

Although a year had passed, Lasley relied in part on McFarland's December, 1990 financial statement, the FBI said.

McFarland approached John Freitas, manager of the Monterey Branch of First Interstate Bank, (FIB) in August, 1990, to ask for a \$1.5 million line of credit with the stated purpose of supporting his "ongoing real estate development and investment activities."

According to the affidavit, "Freitas had been

acquainted with McFarland for approximately five years and knew that McFarland had existing unsecured credit from other financial institutions."

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McFarland's Properties Being Sold

While Carmel financier Craig McFarland presumably is being held in a Monaco jail pending extradition, his assets continue to be sold through federal bankruptcy court in San Francisco, officials said.

Rick Smith, FBI spokesman in San Francisco, told The Sun, "We would assume he is in custody. We would hope he's in custody." He referred questions to the legal attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. McFarland was arrested last week in Monaco on federal charges of defrauding five California banks of \$12 million.

Randy Sugarman, the trustee handling McFarland's involuntary bankruptcy proceedings, told The Sun the sale of the house known as Casa at 3314 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach was expected to be concluded Thursday at a price of \$3.7 million.

Earlier Cottage Row, a commercial property on the northwest corner of Sixth and San Carlos in Carmel, sold through the court for \$4.9 million to Jody LeTowt, Sugarman said. McFarland Court, an adjacent property whose value he said is subject to dispute, also will be sold. Sugarman said it was worth about \$1.4 million.

Several properties were held in a trust for McFarland's 12-year-old son, Casey, Sugarman said.

Sugarman said McFarland's total holdings in bankruptcy court will not come close to the \$12 million he is alleged to have obtained from the banks by means of fraud. He has worked on

the proceedings for more than a year but said he did not know when it would be finished.

Earlier the home McFarland shared with his wife, Barbara, at 1140 Porque Lane, Pebble Beach, prior to their divorce Jan. 7, 1992, was put up for sale for \$1.595 million. A house on Carmel Beach just south of the Carmel Gate to Pebble Beach was listed for \$9.8 million and sold under the name of McFarland's attorney, according to county records.

Barbara McFarland was awarded child support of \$16,000 a month for six months starting in January, 1992, according to court records. Further support was to be agreed upon by both parties.

FBI officials would not comment when asked if they knew what happened to an exotic car collection McFarland had prior to his disappearance in the spring of 1992. His art collection also is unaccounted for.

FBI officials said this week it had not been established as a fact that McFarland had a facelift after his disappearance. Agents at a news conference Sept. 1 announcing the arrest said his appearance looked changed.

He traveled through eight foreign countries and had financial transactions in five of them prior to his arrest, the FBI said. He was expected to be extradited to San Jose within six weeks to be charged in federal court with 15 violations of U.S. banking laws.



BILL SMITH, FBI SUPERVISOR from San Jose, answered media questions at the FBI press conference to announce the arrest in Monaco of Carmel businessman Craig McFarland. Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

McFarland Banking Deals Traced

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The branch manager told McFarland it was against his bank's lending policy to establish credit if a customer had existing unsecured credit with other banks.

McFarland told Freitas he had only one other line of unsecured credit which he would forfeit once First Interstate approved his loan. When he submitted his financial statement, he asked Freitas to give him prior notice of any request to verify credit from any other financial institution, the affidavit said. McFarland said this was very important "because he did not wish that any inquiries be made by FIB because such inquiries might damage existing relationships he had with other banks," the affidavit said.

Freitas sent the letter and loan package to Larry Satterwaite, vice president, FIB Private Banking Center, San Jose, for analysis and processing. After review, Satterwaite recommended approval of the line of credit for one year "in reliance on the truth and accuracy of the information presented in the loan package." McFarland is alleged to have lied by not disclosing \$6,663,000 in loans from The Pacific Bank, California Commerce, Household Bank, Bank of California and Bank of San Francisco.

The \$1.5 million was deposited in McFarland's checking account whereupon

he wrote two checks both to himself for deposit in his account at Bankers Trust in New York. One check was for \$1,480,000 and one for \$15,800.

In the fall of 1991, the FIB San Jose Private Banking Center was closed and Satterwaite left the bank. The McFarland line of credit was transferred to Mary Mewha, manager of the FIB Private Banking Center in San Francisco. When the credit expired, it was renewed for 60 days pending updated financial information. Once it was received, Mehwa extended the original loan and increased it by \$500,000 to a total of \$2 million.

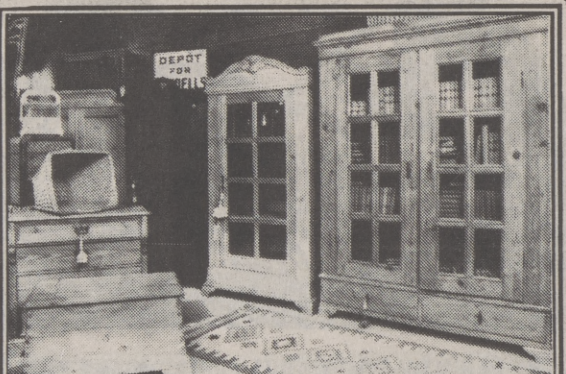
This time, McFarland is alleged to have failed to disclose \$9,416,335 in loans with other banks. When the \$500,000 was deposited in his account, McFarland transferred the money Jan. 8, 1992, by wire to his account at U.S. Trust in New York, the affidavit said.

The commitment letter for the line of credit stated that FIB "is to be the primary bank for all deposits and borrowings except for Real Estate First Mortgages. There will be no unsecured borrowings other than at FIB," it added.

It wasn't until early in 1992 that any of the banks took action, in each case after McFarland defaulted on interest payments and calls to his Carmel office eventually disclosed he had disappeared.

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BY MARK EATON

A great bedding plant to set out this time of year for immediate effect is the annual vinca.

Though technically a perennial, this plant from the tropics will die with the first frost in the valley, although this probably won't occur until sometime in December. It can live over the winter on the frost-free coast, although it may look ragged.

With some of our sunniest and most pleasant weather ahead in the next two months, vinca will thrive if planted now and should put on a nice show to Thanksgiving at least.

We always refer to the plant as *Vinca rosea*. Some years ago botanists decided to separate it from the popular evergreen groundcover vincas and change the name to *Catharanthus roseus*, a mouthful which thankfully has never caught on, and you will probably never hear a nursery person or fellow gardener use it. Nor will you hear bandied about the official common name, "Madagascar periwinkle," the term used in the official Sunset Book. Just ask the nursery for "annual vinca" and you will be led directly to the plant.

I like to describe this plant as a sun-loving and drought resistant version of impatiens as the flowers bear a resemblance to the most popular of all annuals. Indeed, one of the reasons that vinca has enjoyed only minimal popularity is that in spite of droughts and water rationing, many gardeners have always watered too much and the fungal disease phytophthora sets in causing the plants to rot. Breeders have been working on phytophthora-resistant varieties in recent years and new improved strains are appearing on an ongoing basis.

Flower colors come in white to various shades of pink from light tones to darker rose. The waxy green foliage provides a nice background for the blooms and the plant looks especially nice planted en masse. Vinca makes an excellent container plant for a sunny patio as well.

These are vigorous bedding plants. The typical vinca will grow quickly to a height of 10 to 12 inches with a 12-inch spread. Make sure the soil in the ground is enriched with plenty of organic matter and feed on a regular basis with a liquid food like Miracle-Gro, Petes 20-20-20 or fish emulsion. When planting in containers, use good quality commercial potting soil and your vincas will thank you for it.

Some gardeners have a tendency to be in a rush to plant cool season flowers like primroses and pansies in September, but while those plants are growing and expanding their root systems for a nice show of color some months down the line, one could be enjoying the immediate effects of annual vinca, a star performer during the Monterey Peninsula's Indian summer month.

Just make sure to let the soil surface dry between waterings!

Barbara Bearden Garden Dedication Set for Sept. 23

The Barbara Drake Bearden Memorial Garden will be dedicated at First Murphy House and Park Sept. 23.

The Pebble Beach woman was a founding member of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club which described her as a member "who always was in her garden, always willing to show it or share her plants and knowledge with others."

After she died, her family gave money to the club in her memory and a Barbara Drake Bearden fund was started. The family was most enthusiastic for the garden at First Murphy and \$4,500 was given to the city for the project. The dedication will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

Finch Creek Bridge Re-Opened

A replacement bridge over Finch Creek in East Carmel Valley was opened to one-way traffic Friday a month after an old bridge collapsed, creating extra-long commutes for some motorists who depended on Carmel Valley Road.

Director Gerry Gromko of the County Public Works Department said traffic over the new span—created in part with steel girders salvaged from Rosie's Bridge in Carmel Valley Village—would be restricted to one-way until Sept. 17 while construction was finished.

"We opened it as soon as we could," said Deputy Director Ron Lundquist. "We worked 10-hour days. It was a major effort."

He said county crews even used a special cement mix to create the bridge deck so it would not have to cure as long as normal to speed up the replacement.

The old bridge, located at the 28-mile marker, partially collapsed Aug. 1 as fire-fighting equipment raced to a fire in Arroyo Seco which burned some 5,000 acres before being halted.

One side of the bridge sank about six inches from the roadway, and investigation

showed that two of eight 8 by 18 inch timbers supporting the span had cracked. In addition, others were found to have dry rot.

To speed up construction of a new bridge, steel beams taken from Rosie's, being replaced with a new, wider span on Esquiline Road, were used for supports for a new roadway.

The county estimated that 500 to 600 cars a day passed over that stretch of narrow, winding road. It provided a crucial link for people commuting between the Salinas Valley and Carmel Valley and the peninsula coast.

Lundquist said some people who used the route for regular commutes did get around the outage by leaving cars on both sides of the creek.

"We had quite a few calls from people concerned about emergency and fire vehicle access as well as those who needed to use the road regularly," Lundquist said.

He said guard rails still had to be installed on the bridge and the approaches to the bridge given a final grading and paving. "The deck was raised six inches," he said, "and we've rough graded the approaches, but we still have to finish them."



VINCA ROSEA, or Periwinkle, is a splendid everblooming plant for late summer on the Monterey Peninsula that will give pleasure through Thanksgiving. The flowers are like Impatiens and come in similar colors ranging from white to pink and dark rose.

Washington Playwright Wins Sunset Contest

A Monroe, Wash., playwright won the 16th annual Sunset Center Festival of Firsts competition for the second time, Brian Donoghue announced.

Donoghue, community and cultural director of Carmel, said first prize and \$1,000 was awarded to Keith McGregor for his play, *The Far End of the Earth*, which will have its premiere performances at Sunset Center Sept. 30 through Oct. 3.

McGregor's play plus two others were chosen by a reading committee of community members from 127 scripts submitted during the past year from all over the country, Donoghue said. The two finalists will be given a public reading.

McGregor is artistic director for a fledgling community theater in Monroe. His play, *The Bookworm*, won the Sunset contest in 1984 and went on to have its

Equity premiere in Seattle in 1988.

The *Far End of the Earth* is in rehearsal under the direction of Robin McKee. It will feature Nancy Kocher, Susan McCartney and Jodi Dick. Set in a remote area of the Pacific Northwest, it is about the struggles of three generations of women.

The two finalists are William J. Van Nostran for *Dream Machines* and Rich Orloff for *Veronica's Position*. The two scripts will have public readings at Sunset Center Sept. 27 and 28. Each will be followed by an open critique chaired by Dan Gotch, dramaturg and development director for the GroveMont Theater.

Donoghue, who said scripts are already arriving for the 1994 Festival of Firsts, said anyone interested in being on the reading committee should contact the center.

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By Jerry Pullen WHAT'S THE CLUBHOUSE?

This week, I thought I would deviate from the normal format and provide everyone—parents and kids—some information about Carmel Recreation's Clubhouse Program, an after school program for children 8 to 11 years old.

The Clubhouse is beginning its third year. It is not a day care center or latch key program.

This program was started at the request of a group of parents who wanted an alternative for their children after school. If you are looking for a day care or latch key program, there are many fine programs in the area including the one offered through the Carmel Unified School District.

The Clubhouse is basically an after school youth center for kids who are not yet old enough to attend the Carmel Youth Center.

We are open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and are open earlier during school conference days. We are closed on weekends and all legal holidays.

All our members pay a monthly membership fee of \$20. This fee helps offset our operating costs for the program and allows the children to participate in a

variety of activities. (This is about \$1 per day). There is also a limited snack bar available which will have popcorn, soft drinks and water, some candy and other snacks.

When arriving at the Clubhouse everyone MUST sign in. The first hour consists of quiet time where the children can complete their homework, read or participate in quiet activities. This year we will also be coordinating homework activities with the Children's Library. As soon as we get more information we will let you know.

After quiet time, the children can participate in a variety of activities including board games, coloring, four-square and hop-scotch, ping-pong, foosball and other activities. We will have three video machines available for those children who want this activity. From time-to-time, we will also have movies that are acceptable for this age group.

Children are encouraged to bring their favorite movies to share. We will also schedule some special days where the children will participate in arts n' crafts projects, or play some exciting games of bingo. Children are encouraged to participate in whatever activities they want. It's their choice.

The Clubhouse will be supervised by Recreation Department staff, and volunteers from the Carmel High School Community Service Program. These high school students are satisfying a graduation requirement and at the same time are interacting with the younger children which has proven to be a very positive influence on the Clubhouse members. All members of the Clubhouse must abide by the Clubhouse Rules.

Based on the seriousness of the violation we use progressive discipline which, in the worst case, can result in the expulsion of the member. Most discipline has resulted in a verbal warning or a seat in time-out for a period of time. Parents are notified about all discipline problems with

their child(ren).

If a child wants to leave the Clubhouse, he/she must sign out and put his or her destination. Remember, this is not a latch key or day care program, so we will not force a child to stay on the premises. However, many parents have told their child(ren) not to leave the Clubhouse until they arrive to pick them up. This is strictly between you and your child(ren).

In addition to the normal operating hours of The Clubhouse, we will be scheduling some Kids Nights Out. These are held on specific Friday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at our facility. These special nights will consist of contests, movies, video games, line dance lessons and more.

A snack bar will be available with goodies for the kids. Once your child(ren) is inside the room he or she is not allowed to leave until you arrive and receive your child(ren) from a supervisor.

These special nights may have a theme, and will cost \$4 per person for non-members and \$3 per person for members.

Most of our members are from River, Junipero Serra and Stevenson Lower schools. In fact, the bus from River School drops the children off in front of the Police Department and it is a short half-block to our facility (we are right around the corner from the Carmel Youth Center at Vista Lobos, Torres Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues.)

Our GRAND RE-OPENING takes place on Monday, September 13, 1993, and the rest of September is FREE (except for the snack bar). In October, the monthly fees begin and in order for the Clubhouse to remain open we need 20 pre-registered members each month. Each member, even during the FREE period in September must complete a registration form which is used in the case of an emergency.

Can you help? Yes you can! Our budget is limited and we encourage donations of board games, puzzles, video movies books and similar items. If you can donate a few hours of your time to teach a craft, or help supervise either during the afternoon or on a Kids Night Out, you will be welcomed with open arms.

So give Jerry or Leslie a call at 626-1255 or better yet, stop by during our get acquainted weeks in September. We think you'll like our program.

In our next article, we might give you some clues about the best kept secret in California and possibly the US—is it getting close to Sand Castle time again? Only we know.

Governing Board Positions Filled

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday appointed a number of candidates who would face no opposition in November to serve on various governing boards, including the Carmel Valley Fire Protection and Recreation and Park Districts.

J. Peter "Pete" Garneau was appointed to fill a single, four year term on the fire protection district board. Incumbents Sherrie May and Randy Randazzo were appointed to fill two of three four-year positions on the park board, and Allan Marcus of Carmel Valley was appointed to an initial term.

David Hendrick and Janice O'Brien were appointed to fill two, four year terms on the Pebble Beach Community Services District. In addition, Darlene Burkleo, a former Seaside city councilwoman, was appointed to the water management district board from district 1. She faced no opposition in her bid for the seat under new rules requiring water board members to be elected from voting divisions rather than at large.

County Registrar Brad Clark provided supervisors with a list of board positions for which there were no candidates or only one candidate, noting that state law provides for the board to appoint people to those positions with no election required in November.

Painter-Poet Program Set By Cherry Center

An exhibition of paintings by Neil Welliver, whose work is included in some of the top public collections in the country, will open with a reception for the artist at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in Carmel.

At 7:30 that evening, a dinner will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey honoring Welliver and Poet Laureate Mark Strand. Tickets are \$60, reservations are required at 624-7491 and the proceeds benefit the Cherry Center.

The two men will team up at 1 p.m. Sunday for a poetry reading and dialogue at Santa Catalina School. The audience will have a chance to question the artists. That session costs \$10 for adults and \$6 for students, and reservations may be made by calling 624-7491. Proceeds benefit the Cherry, Tor House and Carmel Public Library Foundations.

Welliver's exhibit will include 112 oil paintings, four hand-painted etchings and two illustrated books. The show will run through Oct. 8.

Welliver lives and works in Maine, and his paintings reflect the state's natural landscape. He has exhibited his work extensively since 1954.

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4:00 to 5:00 • Ages 6-9
Jazzercise • 6:00 to 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Reading for Life • 1:40 to 4:00 pm
Aikido • 6:00 to 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Jazzercise • 8:30 to 10:00 am
Reading for Life • 1:40 to 4:00 pm
Karate • 3:00 to 4:00 • Ages 10-16
4:00 to 5:00 • Ages 6-9
Yoga • 6:00 to 7:30 pm

FRIDAY

Jazzercise • 8:30 to 10:00 am
Jazzercise • 6:00 to 7:30 pm

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OUT AND ABOUT

BY STAN HALL

Okay, let's see a show of hands. How many of you agree with me that it's time to take seriously proposals to split the state of California up into more manageable sized pieces?

The idea is not new, of course. It was being hotly debated back in 1957 when I first arrived in California to work for old United Press in San Francisco. The argument then was centered on water—the north had it and the south wanted it. Years before then, people were arguing that the state was too big, too diverse and too polarized to work effectively. Time and the present state of the state has proven those arguments to be valid, I think.

One argument that you often hear now from proponents of the idea is that Californians are under-represented in Washington. They note that if you add up the population of 20 of the country's smallest states, they barely total California's 30 million people, and yet they have 40 U. S. Senators to the Golden State's 2.

Well, that's not the reason I think it's time to carve up California. Washington undoubtedly contributes to California's problems, but most of them are home-grown. They've got to be fixed here, and I've come to the conclusion that only by starting anew can we reform California government/politics to the extent that's needed.

Using a "clean sheet of paper" is what we called it when I worked with General Motors' innovative new Saturn division. General Motors is a lot like government, you know. It's big, has its own bureaucracy, has been around for a long time and has been successful in the past.

If you're not awfully careful, that's a formula to almost guarantee that an organization is fat, unresponsive and self-satisfied to the point of being arrogant.

At least GM had the good sense—belatedly, perhaps—to begin to realize what trouble it was in. The creation of the separate Saturn subsidiary was one response to that realization, an effort to establish a laboratory outside the old GM culture where new ideas could be tested and brought back into GM if they worked.

I'm afraid that Sacramento—and all government, for that matter—is a lot like GM. If you tried to reform it from the inside, you'd likely fail. Too many egos, too much turf, too much history—and, yes—too much success in the past would get in the way.

Bill Walsh, the Stanford football coach and three-time Super Bowl winner, wrote in a management column in a Forbes magazine recently:

"One of the great ironies of life is that the success we work so hard for can prove to be the biggest obstacle to further and sustained success."

He used as an example his 49er team which captured the 1982 Super Bowl but managed to win only four games the following season.

"Everyone, including me, failed to take an objective look at our success and make a realistic estimate of just how good the team really was," Walsh wrote. "I learned that we needed to start remodeling the team even as we celebrated our success."

For years, California's government was held up as the most successful anywhere, a pilot for other states and regions to follow. The state was on a roll, its economy bigger and stronger than all but a few countries in the world. There was nothing California couldn't do if it just set its mind to it.

That was then, and this is now. Just as it finally took serious trouble to get GM to recognize its weaknesses and begin to take steps like the creation of Saturn, maybe today's serious economic problems can help bring about change in California. In the present difficult climate, maybe residents will be more willing to consider proposals such as restructuring the state.

When I first came to California, the debate was over creating a state in the north and a state in the south. Recently I read about a proposal that seemed to make even more sense to me—the creation of three states out of the present one. There certainly is enough room for three—156,299 square miles and 58 counties.

This particular proposal calls for the creation of a southern state from the Mexico border to the San Luis Obispo County line, a central state from there to the lower end of San Francisco Bay and a northern state in the remainder.

That would give us three clean sheets of paper to work with.

Since California joined the union 143 years ago, tens of thousands of rules, laws, regulations, guidelines, programs and projects have been enacted. I am absolutely sure that 99.99 percent of them were well intentioned. But when you lay them, one after another, on top of one another, they create an enormous burden for the people of the state to bear.

They're like the multi-volumed policies and procedures manuals at GM; every one was written with a desirable goal in mind. But when you take them all together, they're simply too much. They need to be cleared out ever so often

or they not only keep you from repeating past mistakes, they keep you from doing much of anything at all.

If Thomas Jefferson were around today, he'd be in favor of revamping state government; I'm confident of that. In a letter to James Madison in 1787, Jefferson wrote: "I hold it that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical."

The only thing wrong with my idea is that to be really effective, government should be reorganized at every level—federal, state, county and municipal. Top to bottom.

If I had my way, each level would be given specific responsibilities and be forbidden from usurping responsibilities assigned to another level of government. Washington should clearly conduct the national defense, for example, and Sacramento run the state university/college system. But neither ought to tell local school districts what to teach.

If I were redesigning government, I'd also require that tax money be collected by the jurisdiction that spends it. That would put some accountability back into the system. Today, the federal government collects taxes and then redistributes them back to the states, counties and cities for this purpose or that program. I'm sure they are all well intentioned, too. But what if the people in a local community want their taxes to go for a different program? A local community is not going to have a lot of clout on Capitol Hill, where lawmakers come from all over the country.

In a reverse example, we have seen the state of California recently take away tax money from the counties, cities and special districts that they had come to depend on. If the local jurisdictions had been collecting those funds all along, that couldn't have happened.

As a general rule, government should always be conducted at the lowest possible level to make it most accountable to the people who are paying the bills and being impacted by its programs and laws. At least, that's what I think. That's why creating three states out of our present one appeals to me. What do you think?

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Council Expected to Approve Moving Election to Fall

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look at it on its merits."

Asked what kind of comments he had received, White said, "Generally they are in favor of leaving it the way it is. I'm going to listen at the meeting. There are good arguments on both sides."

White said he would have preferred to get an update on the budget before having to vote on the election change but this was not possible given the legal time constraints of passing an ordinance and getting it approved. Carmel has yet to get final word on how much it will lose to the state in property tax revenues, and a budget review session is not scheduled until Nov. 9.

The change was approved 5-0 by the council when it passed the 1993-94 budget as a little-noticed item that would save about \$8,000 in the city's \$7.1 million total spending. In addition, the November election would cost just \$4,000 in the next budget year because it would coincide with the general election. There was no discussion on the change during seven budget hearings.

At the time, City Administrator Jere Kersnar said he was surprised to learn it could be done as a simple budget item. Since then, he was advised by City Attorney Don Freeman that it requires an ordinance to change the date of the election and approval by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

"If it's going to save us money, fine," said Councilman Phil Coniglio. "If it upsets people, if it's not broken, don't fix it." He said only about two people had talked to him about the change "and both were against it."

Councilwoman Barbara Livingston said, "I'm in favor of saving the city the \$10,000. I just don't know how the council can vote to keep the April date when we have not given our employees a salary increase in two years."

She said she had checked and found that more than half the cities in California were changing their local elections to November. "People say it's good to keep what's good about Carmel, perhaps in less stressed budgetary times

that might be a good idea. I simply cannot go along with that although I will be listening hard to what people have to say."

Brooks also endorsed the change, saying, "It seems to be the trend throughout the state. Beyond the money we would save, it's a better time for council members to come on board because of the budget process."

As to Fischer's concerns, she said, "I don't relate that to this decision," pointing out that the entire council had already voted for the change during budget deliberations.

Carmel-by-the-Sea is a general laws city which falls under state elections ordinances. Cities are required to hold their elections on the second Tuesday in April in even numbered years unless they get approval from the county to set them during the November general elections.

The only public comment to date against the election came at the July council meeting when former Planning Commissioner Edward Hicks and longtime resident Paul Hazdovac objected. Hicks called for a full debate from the public

"who may feel it is not appropriate for current council members to extend their own terms by six months." He also suggested changing all terms, including that of the mayor, to two years.

Hazdovac said, "Personally, I'm a stickler for tradition. We don't change our national anthem. We don't change the flag. Let's keep some of our old traditions, keep the election in April."

Election night has been a traditional community gathering at City Hall with cookies and punch served while County Registrar Brad Clark brings his staff to count the votes at the scene.

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Carmel's Scenic Pathway Marks 5th Anniversary

By Dobby Kilduff

Although the event was ignored, the summer of 1993 marked the fifth birthday of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Beach Bluff pathway, now one of the Monterey Peninsula's established attractions.

This lovely three-quarter mile trail today seems the essence of tranquility but its birth was not an easy one, covering the terms of three Carmel mayors and dividing neighbors into bitter foes over the inevitable issues of traffic and parking, progress and tradition.

Nowadays, depending somewhat on the weather, hundreds of people each day enjoy the pathway which ambles along Scenic Road between Eighth Avenue and Martin Way about 20 feet above Carmel's world-famous white sand beach. Sunny weekends and holidays like Labor Day can bring thousands.

Early morning "serious" walkers and joggers greet the dawn on the gravel path followed by dog lovers and then less active strollers, who are more inclined to chat and admire the view along with the shrubs and plants that adorn the bluff. Late afternoon the pathway again teems with people awaiting one of Carmel's fabled sunsets. Who knows? If they're lucky, they may see a "Green Flash" on the horizon as the fiery orange ball slides into the Pacific over Carmel Point—or perhaps a wedding ceremony at the Frank Lloyd Bench where Santa Lucia and Bayview join Scenic.

Designed by the landscape architecture firm of Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abbey during California's lengthy dry spell, the pathway was planned to protect and beautify the upper bluff with drought-resistant low-maintenance plants and shrubs. Especially in midsummer and fall the architects' design is lovely to see. Heavy green ice plant holds the steep slopes in place while along the path seaside daisies, lavender (both French and English), golden California poppies, Carmel creeper, crimson spot rock rose and verbena glow with color. The Royston people proved to be men for all seasons, too, as every month of the year sees something in bloom. Even in the fogs of winter some flowering shrubs bear colorful blossoms along the pathway.

Greg D'Ambrosio, then Carmel's forester and now assistant city administrator, is generally thought to be the "Father of the Beach Pathway." He came up with the idea in 1978 but by the time his plan had percolated through City Hall, the heavy winter storms of 1982-83 had made protection of the bluff more important than beautification.

During the tenure of Mayor Charlotte Townsend, rip-rap had to be installed at the base of the bluff to keep Scenic Road from tumbling into the wintry seas. When Clint Eastwood became Numero Uno, "He cut through all the red tape and did all of us supporting the pathway a real service," according to his successor, Jean Grace. The project was completed during her administration in 1988.

Until 1993, Carmel's budget covered the cost of contract maintenance of the pathway but funds ran out this year and city workers are only available for watering and upkeep "when and if available."

Enter Charles Fox, chairman of the Beach Clean-up Committee of the Carmel Residents Association. To date, his committee has held 11 monthly clean-ups and congenial affairs they have proven to be with coffee and doughnuts for volunteers.

Mayor Ken White pitched in at the Aug. 28 clean-up and also for the big job Tuesday to handle the debris left by Labor Day visitors.

"We have a helluva time with the charcoal on the beach and the cigarette butts along the walk," White said. He wants City Hall to install cigarette receptacles but hasn't figured out what to do about the ashes on the beach from fires.

For those who consider Carmel the finest municipality since the ancient Greek city-states, the recent interest in its beach and bluff is encouraging.



VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN CLEANING up Carmel Beach and the pathway along Scenic Road for almost a year since Mayor Ken White asked for help in the city's hard economic times. Above, volunteers work on the landscaping along the pathway. Below Zsa Zsa and Howard Skidmore, members of the Carmel Residents Association which organized the regular cleanups, work on the beach.

Sun file photos



"The white sand beach with bluffs framed by dark green, wind-sculptured Monterey Cypress trees is a sight to delight," says the Public Works Department's brochure. "These natural features have made Carmel Beach a special place for residents and visitors alike."

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"Unlike most sand which is deposited by river action, the white sands of Carmel Beach are eroded directly from granite 'granodiorite' headlands of the Monterey Peninsula. The resulting sand grains are made of quartz and feldspar, producing a beach of smooth, soft white sand."

"The amount of sand varies from 10 to 12 feet with the season because of changes in wave action. There is more during summer and fall resulting in a broader beach. There is less sand during winter and spring when the sand is transported offshore. At this time the visible sandy portion of the beach may vanish and the beach as a whole is much narrower."

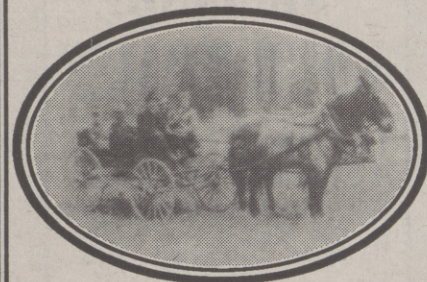
Winter brings exposure of rocky outcrops where beach and bluff meet. One usually buried sandstone buttress near 13th Avenue known locally as "Whale Rock" because of its size and shape, appears annually to the delight of small fry whose initials and dates carved in the soft rock last for years.

Those who enjoy the pathway are a wonderfully mixed bag. There are artists at their easels trying to capture it all while joggers range in age from high schoolers to septuagenarians. Several young couples turn out regularly to push their infants around Carmel Point in three-wheeled

strollers or "jogmobiles." Groups of heel-and-toe walkers rush past with their eccentric hip swinging gait. Everyone, well, almost everyone, has a cheery salute.

Now and then a treasure hunter with his metal detector can be spotted from the bluff seeking jewelry and coins in the sand. The yield appears to be low but the mine sweeper provides its user with excellent exercise.

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Dog owners divide sharply atop the steps to the sand. Large Labradors, which seem to be the most popular breed, Dalmatians, pointers and shepherds race for the beach and the chill waters of Carmel Bay. The smaller miniature poodles, spaniels, Yorkshire Terriers, Corgis and the like are led on their leashes along the pathway, their owners dutifully cleaning up behind them with trowels and plastic bags as Carmel's municipal code mandates.

The degree of warmth in the passerby's greeting seems to this observer to have a connection to the day's costume and grooming. Ladies who appear in the morning in full make-up and silken warm-up suits remain aloof as do the "serious" joggers, some sporting headsets. One beautifully dressed woman wearing stiletto heels raced by this slow-moving correspondent without a fare-thee-well.

Small dog fanciers, on the other hand, love to chat about their pets.

In any case, don't miss the Carmel-by-the-Sea Beach Bluff Pathway. And, if you're available for a clean-up, don't miss that either. You'll have fun and meet a lot of nice people doing their bit to maintain Carmel's beauty.

Youth Center Sets Card Show

A baseball card and comic book show will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Carmel Youth Center Sunday to help raise funds to repair its bathrooms.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Organizers said trouble with the bathrooms at the center, located behind the Carmel Police Station on 4th Avenue, have caused it to have to close several times during the year. For more information, telephone 624-3285.

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Proposed Highlands Remodel Rejected by Advisory Group

The Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee unanimously voted Tuesday to recommend denial of a proposed remodeling project that would create a two-story, 3,800 square-foot, traditional Mediterranean style home at 46 Yankee Point Drive.

Frank Dittrich, a doctor who lives in Modesto and has owned a weekend home in Carmel for 12 years, applied for a permit for a stucco and tile home which would replace the existing 40-year-old, 1,450-square-foot house. It is made of wood and Carmel stone.

About 15 neighbors protested the Mediterranean home which would be 25 feet high. A petition signed by 17 residents was presented to the committee asking that houses be limited to 18 feet in height in the future.

After the vote, architect Alan Turpen said he would have to talk to his client to determine whether the project will be re-designed or taken to the Planning Commission despite the negative recommendation which is not binding.

The application is for a remodel and additions to the existing home. "This is no more a remodel than the man in the moon," said Paul Ernest, an advisory committee member.

The permit application calls for a variance in the sideyard setback. Turpen said the variance would be used for about 80-square foot of the garage. Committee members said they did not believe the lot posed any hardship and there should be no need for a variance.

But Turpen noted that the ravine takes up one-third of the lot.

"It's a nice house. It would look good in Pebble Beach maybe," said David Prew, an advisory committee member.

"For the size of the lot, they are over-building," said Betty Rust, a neighbor.

Marc Davidian, chairman of the advisory committee, said the existing house is built right at the edge of a steep ravine, and a remodels can use the footprint of the existing house. But if it were a new home on the lot, "they wouldn't allow it to be built that close to the edge," he said.

Davidian said the Carmel Highlands land-use plan calls for rural and rustic structures, but "no one seems to want them anymore. It may be out of date." He noted all the new homes being built are large.

"It is still the land-use plan," said Barbara Ranier, another advisory committee member.

Lina Belli, who lives on the hill directly across the street said the two-story home "will obscure our ocean view forever." She also said she feared building the house close to the large trees on the lot would kill them. "They will die and then we will look at the roof," she said.

Joanne and Richard Irmas, neighbors who live on the slope below the home, also said they were fearful it would take away their view of the trees and hills above them. "The proposed structure's feeling and character is out-of-synch with the size and appearance of nearby homes," the wrote in a letter to the advisory committee. "While we believe a property owner has a right to design their structure to meet their own needs, we feel such a design and size should not be intrusive on its immediate neighbors..."



NEIGHBORS OF A SMALL HOUSE on Yankee Point Drive protested plans to remodel it and turn it into a two story, 3800-square-foot Mediterranean style home. Above, neighbors and members of the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee look at how much higher the remodeled structure would be.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Padres Open Grid Season Saturday at Harbor

The 1993 Carmel High football team opens its season Saturday in Santa Cruz against Harbor High, featuring a second year of its hurry-up, run-and-shoot offense behind quarterback John Geisler.

The non-league varsity game starts at 2 p.m.

A junior, Geisler's favorite receivers this year are expected to be Dustin Nagai and Ben Thompson, also both juniors. The no-huddle offense is designed to capitalize on speed and quickness, and the Padres are

expected to be able to put points on the board with it.

Giesler quarterbacked last year's Padre team as a sophomore, and should be more effective because of the experience.

However, the big question mark is Carmel's defense. It has only 11 returning letterman on its small squad of 26 players and just six linemen, four of whom play both offense and defense.

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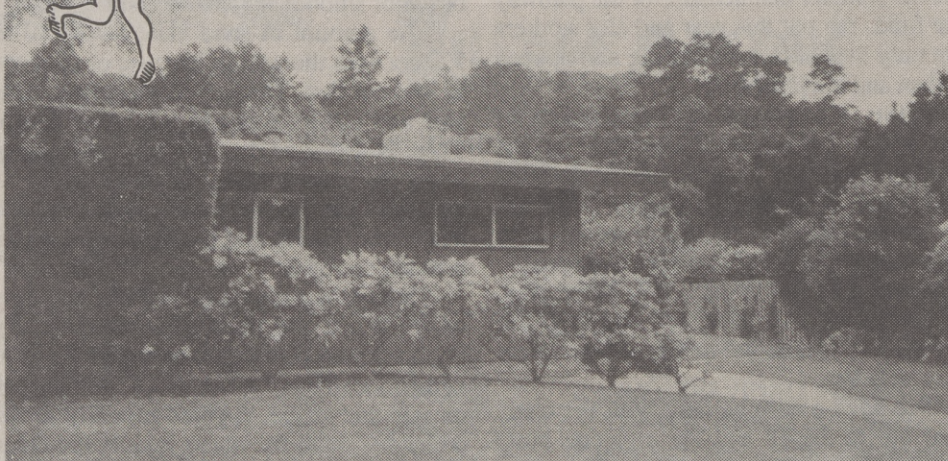


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FORESTER GARY KELLY visits a site with Forest and Beach Commissioners.

Mini-Park Okayed on City Land for New House

The Forest and Beach Commission plans to ask the Carmel Planning Commission to pull the plans on a house approved that appears to have far less than the 55 percent open space required under city law.

Jack Higson asked the commission Aug. 31 to let him build a mini-park in the public right-of-way outside his new house on the northeast corner of Camino Real and Eleventh Avenue.

When Forest and Beach commissioners visited the site they were upset at the lack of open space around the house. Commissioner Gary Girard asked, "Is there any way we can hold the Planning Commission and the Planning Department accountable to come back here and prove the Floor Area Ratio (FAR)?"

"It's like they used up their land for building and now they're going into the right of way for landscaping."

"They took all the space for the house and now they want the city to subsidize their landscaping. It should have been addressed in the design of their home," said Commissioner Karen Ferlito.

But Commissioner Jim Holliday swayed the group to a 5-0 approval of the mini-park when he said, "The space along the front has been there all these years. Whatever they do will be a major enhancement. It will serve the interests of the community."

"We'll have them pull the plans for the next meeting," said Commissioner Roy Thomas. "It's hard to believe."

Across from Garland Park

Park District Buys Sero Property

Directors of the regional park district voted Tuesday night to buy 29 acres along Carmel Valley Road near Garland Park for \$415,000 from the Sero Development Corp. of Los Angeles.

The vote was 4-1 with director Robert Griffin opposed. He said he thought other parcels might be more useful to the park district.

In a staff memo to the board, General Manager Gary Tate said the initial asking price for the property was \$1.5 million, but the owners had accepted the \$415,000 offer. The bid price was based on an appraisal done by Stephen Brown in December of 1992, the staff said. Escrow is scheduled to close Sept. 30 or before.

After the sale is complete, the property will become an addition to Garland Park. It is also known as the Oxbow property and as Cottonwood Bend.

Funds for the purchase would come from Proposition 117, known as the mountain lion habitat initiative when voters approved it in 1988. It provides \$1.5 million a year for the purchase of wildlife habitat and open space in the Santa Lucia Mountains south of Highway 68.

The park district has described the property as containing one of the last, largest examples of the dense riparian vegetation that once covered the Carmel River bottom. It is heavily wooded with willows and cottonwoods.

At one time Sero planned to subdivide the property into lots for homes and hired

Tate to help win approval for a needed lot line adjustment from the county subdivision committee. Tate said the property would subdivide into about eight buildable lots.

Although Tate had advance approval from the board and said he was trying to assure that some of the property might be donated to the park district, directors asked him to give up his role as a consultant to Sero, citing possible conflict of interest.

Sero, then known as Sero Amusement Co. owns about two acres on the south side of the road which had six legal lots of record. It sought to transfer them to the property on the north side of Carmel Valley Road. But environmental groups prevailed in their efforts to require an environmental impact report (EIR) and the project stalled.

After the board removed Tate as a consultant to Sero, Park Naturalist Nikki Nedeff took over negotiations for the purchase. She strongly supported its purchase before leaving the park district a few months ago to join the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Sancturay Birthday Set

The first anniversary of the creation of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary will be marked Sunday by a parade of ships, including The Californian, speeches and the cutting of a birthday cake along the Monterey waterfront. It gets underway at 10 a.m. with the passing of ships from Point Pinos to the Coast Guard pier.

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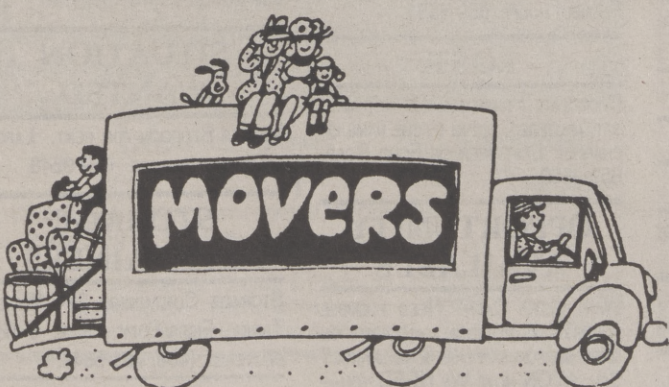
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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
THE REGULAR MEETING
14 SEPTEMBER 1993
3:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION
3:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION
(Council Chambers)**

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No agenda item will be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless approved by a majority vote of the City Council. Any agenda items not considered at the Regular Meeting will be continued to a future date as determined by the City Council.

I. CLOSED SESSION (3:00 P.M.)

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq. of the State of California, the City Council may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters dealing with personnel and/or pending possible litigation and/or conferring with the City Council's Meyers-Millas-Brown Act representative.

**OPEN SESSION
3:30 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.**

II. ROLL CALL (3:30 P.M.)

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

- Presentation of a Twenty-five year Service Award to Allene Fremier, Librarian III.
- Presentation of a Five-year Service Award to James Cullem, Public Works Director.
- Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation and Acknowledgment of Service to David J. Benjamin, Community and Cultural Commission.
- Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to City Volunteers.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION AND FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Announcements from Closed Session
- General announcements from Council Members
- Reports from Council representatives to outside agencies

VI. APPEARANCES

Anyone wishing to address the City Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so now. Please rise, state your name and the matter on which you wish to speak. Matters not appearing on the City Council agenda will not receive action at this meeting. Presentations will be limited to three minutes, or as established by the City Council.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approve the City Council Minutes for the meeting of 3 August 1993, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council
- Ratify the bills paid for the month of August 1993, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-91 setting a date of 5 October, 1993 for a public hearing on a resolution of intention to form Undergrounding Assessment District No. 2.
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-97 accepting a donation of \$1,500 from the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Youth Fund for the 1993 Sand Castle Contest
- Ratify the Mayor's appointment of Eric Dyar to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee as recommended by the Recreation Commission
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-98 authorizing the drawdown of funds from the Recreation Programs and Events Account for a Bicycle Rodeo to be held on 30 October 1993 and authorizing the closure of the Vista Lobos parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for said event
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-99 recognizing the Friends of Preservation as an official support group of the City
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-100 cosponsoring the Carmel Volunteer Fire Department's annual Muster on 10 October 1993
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-101 amending the Vista Lobos Facility Use Guidelines
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-102 authorizing the expenditure of funds for Underground Utility District No. 3
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-103 authorizing the acquisition of one additional Police vehicle and declaring certain vehicles as surplus property.
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-104 amending Resolution No 92-32 authorizing a change to the resurfacing of Carmelo Street under the reclamation line project and authorizing receipt of funds for future resurfacing thereof
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-105 awarding the bid for the reroofing of certain City facilities
- Adopt Resolution No. 93-106 transferring funds from the Recreation Department Seasonal and Relief Account to the Administration Seasonal and Relief Account
- Direct the City Clerk to schedule a Council Retreat on 2 October 1993
- Appoint Mayor White the City's voting Delegate and Mayor Pro Tempore Brooks the Alternate to the Annual League of California Cities Convention

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission denying a Use Permit application to establish a souvenir apparel store located in the Central Commercial Land Use District and in a space fronting Ocean Avenue. The appellant is Steven Moder on behalf of the Mainland Company, Inc.
- Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission granting a design study for a new two-story single-family residence located on the east side of North Carmelo Street between 2nd and 4th Avenues (Block MM, Lot 22, and south 1/2 of Lot 24). The appellants are Charles and Idell Lehman represented by George Brehmer.
- Consideration of Ordinance No. 93-23 repealing Ordinances Nos. 85-3 and 89-32 amending the conditions of a rezoning affecting property located in the Service Commercial Land Use District, Block 49, Lots 21, 22 and the north 21' of Lot 23 and adopting a Negative Declaration (The property is located on the west side of Junipero between 4th and 5th Avenues) (first reading)
- Consideration of Ordinance No. 93-24 deleting Section 17.10.010 from the Municipal Code and adding Section 17.08.070 to the Municipal Code related to Historic Preservation and amending Section 17.18.110, "Special Findings for Demolition of Structures" (first reading)
- Consideration of Ordinance No. 93-25 amending Section 17.24.250 of the Municipal Code related to fences and walls (first reading)
- Consideration of Ordinance No. 93-26 amending Title 17 of the Municipal Code related to the commercial districts, including the allowed uses and standards for uses within each commercial zone, design standards for commercial property, and the rezoning of property previously amended by Ordinance No. 92-23 (first reading)
- Consideration of Ordinance No. 93-27 amending Chapter 13.24 of the Municipal Code, Gas Franchise, to read, Gas and Water Franchise, and making additions and deletions to Chapter 13.24 in order to implement a water franchise (first reading)

X. ORDINANCES

- Consideration of Ordinance No. 93-20 amending Chapter 17.43 of the Municipal Code requiring Planning Commission approval for all lot line adjustments (2nd reading).
- Consideration of Ordinance 93-21 changing the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's Municipal election to the same date as the statewide general election (first reading)

X. ORDERS OF COUNCIL

- Consideration of appointments to the Community and Cultural Commission, Forest and Beach Commission, Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees and Planning Commission

XI. RESOLUTIONS

- Consideration of Resolution No. 93-108 approving the First Murphy House Use Guidelines

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR (PULLED ITEMS)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the City Council will be:
Regular Meeting 5 October 1993
3:00 P.M. (Closed Session) 3:30 P.M.
(Open Session, City Hall Council Chambers)

Karas Back on Water Board

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than at large. Neither Long nor Hekhuis were eligible for re-election under the new plan.

The new voting plan was adopted in part because of criticism that directors from the "south side of Carmel Hill" historically had dominated the water board.

Farina and Dick Heuer, both of Carmel Valley, still serve on the water board, but after 1995 election, only one of the five elected directors can be from Carmel Valley.

In addition to the five elected members and the representative from the Board of Supervisors, a representative of the mayors from towns within the water district also serves on the board. Currently, that is Mayor David Pendergrass of tiny Sand City.

Strasser Kauffman did agree with Karas about the workload in the fifth district. "I

always thought it was about as much work as all the other districts combined," said the former political science instructor.

But she said with newly elected Supervisor Simon Salinas of Salinas serving on the MST board, it would leave the unincorporated areas without a voice while the city of Salinas would have two representatives, Salinas and Councilman Jim Collins.

County Bird Atlas to Debut

The Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society will sponsor a reception and book signing for the authors of a new Monterey County Breeding Bird Atlas at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. The atlas is the culmination of five years of research covering the entire county.

LEGAL NOTICES

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**
Filed August 26, 1993
File No. F931520

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 8/26/93.

(s)Financial Resources Center
Richard M. Graves, V.P. Secy.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original in my office.
ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
September 2, 9, 16 & 23, 1993
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**
Case No. M27292
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CCP1277
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Filed August 24, 1993

Date: October 15, 1993 Time: 9:30am
IN THE MATTER OF the Application of
Brittany Ann Spellman, a minor by
Wesley J. Spellman, her Father, Petitioner, for Change of Name

WHEREAS WESLEY J. SPELLMAN

Petitioner, as Father, of applicant-BRITTANY ANN SPELLMAN, a minor, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing Petitioner's name from: BRITTANY ANN SPELLMAN to ALEXANDRA SPELLMAN;

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Department A of this court, located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, on October 15th, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in *The Carmel Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

DATED: February 10, 1993
ROBERT O'FARRELL
Judge of the Superior Court
The Carmel Sun Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1993

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**
Filed August 9, 1993
File No. F 931406

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(s)Martin Hayman
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.

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ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
August 19, 26, Sept. 2 & 9, 1993.
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**
Filed July 23, 1993
File No. F 931315

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(s)Kenneth M. Warburton
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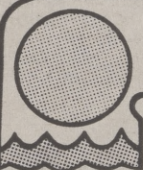
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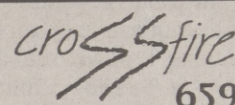
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Youths Waive Trial in CHS Fire

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responsible for the theft of a car in Carmel which subsequently was set afire in Cachagua about two weeks after the school blaze. The other two admitted to being accomplices in the car theft and arson.

Meyer said outside the courtroom that one youth had denied pouring gasoline in the Associated Student Body office and starting the blaze July 13. But he said he had admitted to making torches out of newspapers and unintentionally setting the fire with them.

The length of their sentences and where they will spend them will be based in part on a report by the Probation Department which will be presented at the Oct. 20 sentencing hearing.

Meyer said he expected their defense lawyers to make a good case for leniency at the sentencing hearing, noting that none of them had any criminal history previously.

The youths did not contest the malicious mischief misdemeanor charges that they broke out windows of businesses and vandalized mailboxes during the two-week period in June. Anton said under the agreement with Meyer, the charges could be considered in the sentencing.

The blaze broke out in the early morning hours two days after school ended in a wing of the 50-year-old school which also housed science and photography labs. Officials said damage would run between \$500,000 and \$1 million, depending on how extensively the wing had to be rebuilt.

Superintendent Vance Baldwin said after the fire and the arrest of the trio on July 20, that he expected their families to be asked to pay restitution in the case.

Meyer said Wednesday that he expected the school to file a civil case in an attempt to seek restitution from the families.

He said the probation department will also consider restitution by the youth, "But I don't know how successful you'd be in getting one-half million dollars out of three 17-year olds."

He praised the boys and their lawyers for

bringing the case to a quick end. "It's not often you see kids stand up and say 'I'm responsible,'" he said. "It's commendable in this day and age."

He also said the boys showed respect for the court by appearing in suits, adding that was something not often seen today.

At least two of the boys were active in school activities. One worked on the school newspaper and one played in the school jazz band. One was a member of an Explorer's group which gave him the opportunity to ride with deputy sheriff's and learn about the job.

The Carmel school board offered a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the fire. It was not known at Sun press time whether anyone has applied for it.

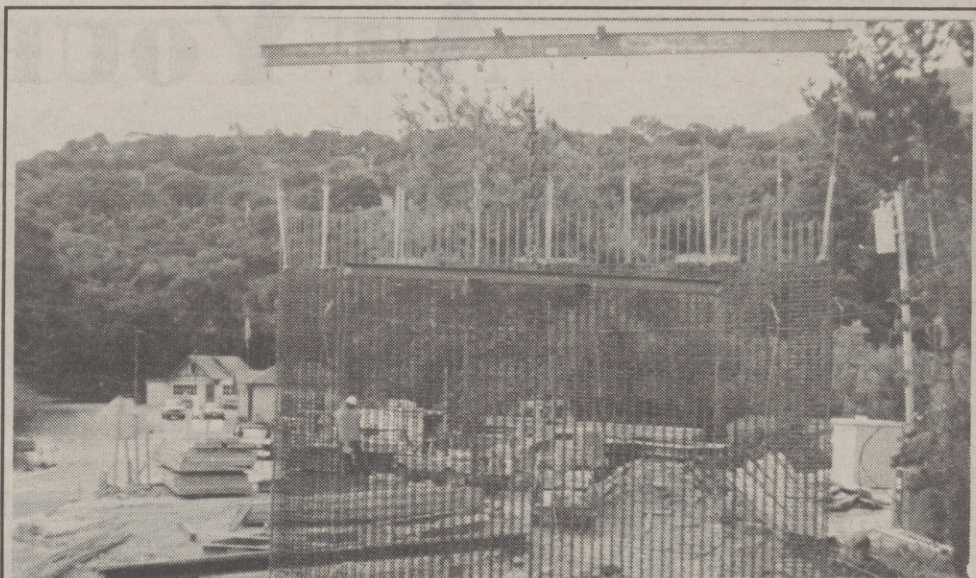
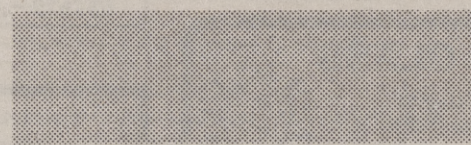
After the arrest of the three boys on July 20, investigators said they had received a number of tips. The arrests were made after investigators said search warrants turned up evidence against the youths in homes in Carmel, Carmel Valley and Marina.

Surfin' Safari Set for Sept. 26 by CVCYC

The Carmel Valley Community Youth Center said it would host the last fling of summer Sunday, Sept. 26—the fourth annual Surfin' Safari.

It will be expanded this year to include a volleyball tournament, organizers said. Traditional events are free music, a hoola hoop contest and prizes for the ugliest Hawaiian shirt.

The event, featuring music by Close Enuff, will be held in Community Park. For more information, call 659-3983.



STEELWORK TAKES SHAPE as work on the new bridge over the Carmel River on Esquiline Road continues. The new span will replace the old, narrow Rosie's on which two Village youngsters were hurt in bicycle accidents.

Sun photo by Peter McArthur

Freeway Fight Apparently Not Over

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very difficult for them to go back to 1C Modified."

CTC had been expected to make a final decision Wednesday in order to secure state funds to enable construction to begin by 1997. Shipnuck suggested the 60-day delay would not upset that timetable. "Sixty days is all we wanted."

TAMC, which had voted 16-0 in favor of a plan to widen existing Highway 1 over the proposed 2.8-mile freeway extension, was told to come back with a project that could be built as a safe road and show that it warranted the money spent on it, Brooks said.

Albright said, "This is a positive thing for Monterey County that the CTC is willing to take the savings to do other Monterey County highways."

In backing the widening of Highway 1, TAMC took a fallback position that it would support the freeway if the CTC denied its request to use freeway money for the widening.

Commissioner Joe Duffel, who said he had a home in Pebble Beach, said he felt the Hatton Canyon freeway made no sense in such a sensitive area, according to Brooks.

He also asked fellow commissioners to consider how they could say the local politicians were wrong in opposing the freeway in favor of widening.

Jerome Lipp, CTC chairman, received a letter in support of the 4/6 alternative from former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood.

"You are aware that for many years, the controversy has not only divided our community but also our elected officials," Eastwood wrote. "However, in a decisive vote which could end all controversy, the elected officials of TAMC voted 16-0 to support the 4/6 widening alternative. As you know from your political experience, this was a remarkable achievement. The unified vote was based on evidence that the 46 alternative is less costly and less environmentally damaging."

Couple Again Seeks Okay for an Ocean-Front Home

Wanting an ocean-front home south of Carmel, Cindy and Stephen Ryter of Minneapolis, Minn., are trying for the second time to make it through the complex local land-use permit process.

Tuesday, the Highlands-Bixby Advisory Committee examined the staking for their proposed 7,625 square-foot, 20-foot-tall home, just south of other homes in Otter Cove and adjoining Garrapata Park. Plans also call for 7,450 square feet of decking and paved areas.

Stephen Ryter is moving his international trade business from Minnesota to Ryan Ranch on Highway 68, according to his attorney, Tony Lombardo.

Ryter said his family wants to live on the ocean. "I believe I will have success." He said he and his wife timed their visit to the peninsula to make sure it coincided with the advisory committee meeting so they could attend.

In August of 1992, the Highlands/Bixby Committee unanimously denied approval of the Ryter's request for a 6,734 square foot home on a Yankee Point ocean-front parcel, saying it was too large for the lot. Given that recommendation and strong objections from neighbors, they abandoned their plans for that lot.

Some advisory committee members objected to the planned siting of the Otter Cove house, and others questioned which land-use policies apply to the lot—Otter Cove or the Big Sur Land Use Plan (LUP).

Otter Cove is governed by a special section within the Big Sur LUP which allows homes to be built in the critical view shed and to use berming and screening. Since 1985, beach-front homes which can be seen from Highway 1 are not allowed under the Big Sur LUP.

Committee members noted the county

would have to decide which rules apply before they could recommend approval or denial of the permit. But Lombardo said it was definitely a part of Otter Cove or the county would not have allowed an application to be filed for the permit.

The committee continued the hearing until 4 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Carmel Highlands Fire Station, members saying they would get more information from the Planning Department before deciding on a recommendation to the Planning Commission. The recommendation is not binding.

"It's in limbo as far as I understand it," said Barbara Ranier, a member of the advisory committee.

Next-door neighbor, Mike Stemler, suggested the matter will eventually be appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

The roof of one-story home will be built partially with sod and partially with green slate. The Ryters bought two lots, and Lombardo said the second lot would be dedicated to open space.

"There is no assurance the second lot won't be built on," said another neighbor, Linda Hanna.

But Lombardo said the open space easement would be written into the deed which would be a guarantee that another house could never be built there.

Otter Cove neighbor Ed Messick said the approximately \$2 million which had been paid for the two lots and the house to be built on it would create a good deal of tax income for the county. "The tax from this will keep three libraries open," Messick said.

But Lombardo said with the dark color planned for the walls and roof and placement of the home on the lowest part of the parcel, the house would have minimal im-



STEPHEN AND CINDY RYTER, who are moving to the peninsula from Minnesota and want to build an ocean-front home, look on rather pensively during a hearing on their plans by the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee Tuesday. The hearing on the home south of Otter Cove was continued until Sept. 21.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

pact. The applicant has to abide by a 30 foot setback requirement, he said, which would preclude moving it the home to certain places on the lot.

Lombardo said if a house half as big was built twice as close to the road it would become more obvious. "You haven't gained a thing," he said.

But committee members said they were looking at the land-use policies and were not there to consider the tax implications.

Messick said the Otter Cove neighbors agreed the house met the requirements for the neighborhood. He said 14 out of 17 ap-

proved of the plan and would welcome the Ryters into their homeowners association.

But Hanna said a vote was not taken. "We are opposing it," she said.

Messick said the majority of the neighbors had agreed by consensus.

Marc Davidian, chairman of the advisory committee, said, "I don't agree with you on the siting. If the house was pulled back against the hillside, it would hide it."

But architect Mark Meryash argued southbound cars could see the home for a longer distance if it were move back toward the hill.